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Graham Arnold!
The list of Australian internationals' defection to European clubs just goes on and on...

The stunning news that newly-named Socceroo captain Graham Arnold flew to Holland last week to trial with First Division side Roda is the

last straw.
Arnold is certain to sign if financial terms are good enough.

"Arnie", arguably the most valuable player in the current national team will be a huge loss.

The 26-year-old, who will play several trial matches, will be virtually irreplace-



GRAHAM ARNOLD

able in the Australian team that leaves on Monday for the international tournament in Jakarta under assistant national coach Les Scheinflug.

There is one particular way to put an end to this mass exodus of players — the "American solution".

Faced with the same problem of part-time players, the US Soccer Federation employed its World Cup squad as full-timers for the 12 months leading to the finals in Italy.

The USSF bought out the players' contracts from their clubs and paid them good enough wages

to make sure they would not be lured by foreign clubs.

If the ASF is serious about Australia having any chance of qualifying for the next World Cup finals, it should immediately seek

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Italian-backed clubs for Melbourne merger

BY GREG BLAKE

I believe two of Melbourne's strongest Italian-supported clubs will merge into one in the not too distant future.

Ailing Melbourne giant Brunswick Juventus and up-and-coming Thomastown, both currently in the Victorian State League, will amalgamate to become the new Italian force in Melbourne.

Despite official denials from both camps my sources tell me that the idea has already been discussed at board level at the two clubs.

Discussions have been put on hold pending the outcome of this year's championship.

Juventus still holds a

"Any merger talk is a long way down the track," he told me.

"Any move like that would be a long-term thing."

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St George (left) seeks to dispossess Wollongong Macedonia at St George Stadium. Photo: STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS



Canberra
Croatia's 2-1
slip up to
Wollongong
City and
Sutherland
Shire's 1-1
draw with
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sees
Wollongong
Macedonia
lead the NSW
State League.
They downed
St George
2-1.



Italian-backed clubs for Melbourne merger

BY GREG BLAKE

slim chance of the title and a subsequent return to NSL ranks.

Should it miss in its push for the National League I believe the merger could go ahead as soon as late 1991.

One high-ranking Juventus official believes mergers between like-minded clubs are the only way some clubs will survive into the 1990s.

He believes the first few clubs to show the way will be the most successful clubs in Victoria in the long term.

Thomastown spokesman Tony Raponi admitted an unofficial approach had been made, but said that at this stage of the season his club was only interested in building up its ground and team for next season.



Croydon's Andy McMillan beats Heidelberg's Angie Goutzoulis to a high ball in the recent top of the table clash. JOE MONTEMURRO

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AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY

Olympic Games squad in Europe

BY TED SIMMONS OF AAP

NATIONAL soccer coach Eddie Thomson made sure he will be on the winning side when his Olympic Games team played the Socceroos in a special pre-tour match in Canberra on Sunday.

Thomson selected both starting lineups in the challenge at the Australian Institute of Sport.

He left on Monday with the Olympic team for a five-match tour in Europe, while assistant national coach Les



EDDIE THOMSON

Pele to visit

THE legendary Pele will arrive in Australia on November 9 to promote a book on his life.

The glossy 400 page hard cover publication is expected to be a best seller world wide.

As yet untitled, the book will contain hitherto unpublished photographs and will reveal news about the great player which has previously gone unreported.

Pele will visit every Australian state.

He will have turned 50 three weeks earlier in London, where he will be guest of honour at the England v Brazil friendly at Wembley.

Scheinflug departs on Friday with the Socceroos for an international tournament in Jakarta.

The 18-member Olympic squad assembled at the AIS last Thursday for three days of intense training before returning to Sydney late on the Sunday.

Australia has a difficult task to qualify for the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, having to win the Oceania qualifying round, then a second round involving Israel or a team from Europe.

Thomson has proposals to put to the Australian Soccer

Federation for another tour involving the Games team in March, as well as matches for the national youth and Under 17 sides.

"The benefit of going on the Asian tour was finding three players who will merit selection for the Olympic Games team," said Thomson.

"Between now and the Olympic qualifying

rounds next year, Les and I will check every single person on each team, and constantly confer on the makeup of the national side."

Thomson believes it is more essential for him to travel at this stage with the Games team, because it will be in action before the Socceroos begin their campaign for the 1994 World Cup.

While competition between the players for a place in the first team is fierce, mystery still surrounds who will be appointed as captain.

Blacktown's Dominic Longo is the only player with previous leadership responsibility in captaining the national youth team

last year, but Thomson could surprise with a different choice.

The decision will be announced shortly.

Inquiries are being made on the possibility of the Under 17 team playing in a tournament in Chile late this year or early January, as a leadup to the Oceania qualifying rounds in New Zealand in late January for the 1991 world titles.

Thomson and Scheinflug shared duties on the recent unbeaten tour of Asia by the Australian Youth team, which faces its test next month in Fiji when it tackles the Oceania qualifying round for the World Youth championships.

Full match schedule for current tour

THIS is the match programme of the Australian Olympic team in Europe:



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• Friday, August 17: v Gillingham (English Division 4) at Gillingham (7.30pm local time).

• Sunday, August 19: v Dundee United (Scottish Premier Division) at Dundee (3pm).

• Wednesday, August 22: v Swiss Olympic team at Wettingen (7pm).

• Friday, August 24: v League of Ireland at Dublin (7.30pm).

• Tuesday, August 28: v Czechoslovakian

Olympic team (venue and kick-off time to be advised).

And, in case, readers are interested, these are the room pairings during the tour: Filan-Mautone, Dickinson-Zelic, Hasler (Horvat's late replacement)-Murphy, Longo-Slifka, Vidmar-Georgakis, Gibson-Veart, Michalakopoulos-Bazzale, Hristodolou-Murray, Reffenes-Markovski.

Charlie Caruso is the tour leader; Eddie Thomson, of course, the coach; Mick Hickman, the assistant coach; Siri Kanangra, the team doctor; Pedro Ruz, the physio and Frank Scieluna the gear stewart.

The team is due back in Australia on September 2.

Mass exodus bound to hurt Socceroos

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FRANK FARINA

sponsors to put up the money to keep our best players in Australia.

As the national team is Australian soccer's most

marketable unit, I am sure a sponsor or two could be found.

It wouldn't be cheap as we would be looking at a minimum of \$1 million a year in salaries.

Utopia? Maybe, but there is no other way we can hold on to the cream of our soccer talent.

The second best thing would be the "Brazilian solution".

Brazil, like Australia, has to cope with most of its top players operating abroad.

To get over this, the Brazilian Federation insists on

a one-month camp before every major international event like the World Cup, Olympics or South American Championship.

With the National League now played in the summer months it is more imperative than ever that the ASF makes absolutely sure that all of Australia's Olympic and World Cup qualifiers from now on are staged in July.

That would enable all the European-based players, whose domestic seasons end in late May and resume in early

August, to be available for a one-month camp.

Because of the costs involved in the ASF "owning" the Socceroos, this would appear the best way out of our current dilemma — one that is bound to get worse as more and more European clubs realise that Australia is a cheap source of players.

One thing is certain: unless something is done — and done soon — about arresting the talent drain, we can forget about ever having a competitive national team.

CHARITY SHIELD

The Charity Shield match between 1989/90 NSL champions Sydney Olympic and Cup winners South Melbourne will be played midweek, probably in Sydney, 10 days before the start of the season — in late September. Marconi beat Adelaide City in last year's inaugural "Super Cup".

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Scheinflug, Thomson on the job

Overseas trials force changes for Indonesian Socceroo tour

BY TED SIMMONS OF AAP

LES Scheinflug will return to the same road this week which took Australia to the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.

Scheinflug, the assistant national coach, will be in charge of the Socceroos who leave on Friday to take part in the Indonesian Fifth Independence Day Cup in Jakarta.

"My first coaching tour outside Australia was to Jakarta in 1970 as assistant to then national coach Rale Rasic where we beat Indonesia 3-1," he said.

"The Indonesian victory was the start to building the Socceroo team which has so far been our most successful in World Cup competition.

"I will be back on the same road which I took 20 years ago and I hope it will ultimately prove to be just as successful."

Scheinflug and national coach Eddie Thomson have held a series of conferences on the team makeup and tactics to be used in Jakarta.

Thomson left on Monday with the Australian Olympic Games team for a five-match tour of Europe.

Four changes have been made to the original squad announced by the Australian Soccer Federation for Jakarta.

Charlie Yankos has retired and Gary van Egmond, Paul Trimbo and Branko Milosevic are trialling with overseas clubs.

They have been replaced by Warren Spink, Andrew Zinni and Tony Spyridakos.

Van Egmond has been a late withdrawal to trial with Roda in Holland while Trimbo-



Les Scheinflug — without Arnold.

He is already training with Glasgow Rangers and Milosevic is in Germany.

Kimon Taliadoros replaces the absent Graham Arnold and there is experience in Paul Wade, Mike

Petersen and Tom McCulloch and defenders Alex Tobin and Robbie Hooker.

Anthony Franken, Andrew Bernal, Ernie Tapai, Spink, Jason van Blerk and George Jolevski have progressed through the

youth national team. Spyridakos and Zinni are former Socceroos while Robert Zabica, Mehmet Durakovic, Andrew Callinan and Tony Krslovic are the only newcomers to a touring side.

"There are a number of up-and-coming players in this side who will need international exposure and this tour gives us an opportunity to experiment," said Scheinflug.

"We're building a side for the next four years and I'm sure we'll be able to come up with a good combination. The long range plan is very important."

Zabica had an excellent series against Yugoslav tourists Hajduk Split earlier this year and will be retained as the number one keeper while the 23-year-old Callinan adopts the role of utility with his ability to play defence, midfield, stopper or fullback.

in the air."

Greer's contract expires next month. He has a \$3,000 transfer fee on his head.

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Juventus president Joe Mirabella conceded that he believed that mergers "could be the saviour of soccer in this state."

But he said officially that there had been no approach to or by his club by another Italian-backed team and that at this stage all his board was concerned with was the last five matches of the State League season.

I feel that talks are hush-hush because at

this stage neither club

wants to get its officials offside until full details of the amalgamation are determined.

Fawkner and Thomas town tried a similar move some years back without success after committeemen couldn't agree to certain compromises.

But should Thomas town and Juventus show the way — and I believe they will — it could set a precedent for the likes of Sunshine George Cross and Green Gully.

These two Maltese-backed clubs have discussed the possibility of a similar venture for some years.

Markovski, Seal, Jones join a lucky Marconi

BY LOU GAUTIER

Socceroo debut against Torpedo Moscow at the Sydney Football Stadium in January this year.

Markovski, who has talent to burn, could really take off at Marconi under coach Berti Mariani.

Mariani is certain to improve Markovski's on-field work-rate and will get the best out of him, something previous coaches have failed to do.

The 21-year-old Marovski, who was the star of the Australian under 20 team in 1988 and 1989, has all the hallmarks of becoming a great player.



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John Markovski

By going to Australia's Number One club, he should start fulfilling his promise.



Sydney and Melbourne's Croatia club officials gather around David Seal (centre front), the Sydney Croatia striker who won the NSL Topscorer of the Year Award. Seal has been a prolific collector of goals on the Young Socceroos Asian tour. The officials include Frank Basic (Syd Croatia), Jo Djuzel (Melb Croatia), Syd Croatia coach Tony Vrzina, and Michael Komadina.

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Kiwis to face Chinese

CHINA will play two international matches on a four-game soccer tour of New Zealand later this month.

The Chinese will play New Zealand in Wellington on August 16 and in Auckland on August 24.

The tour itinerary also includes matches against provincial teams Otago and Taranaki.

China will play Otago in Dunedin on August 18 and Taranaki in New Plymouth on August 21.

The club badly needs reinforcements after losing Senad Glavovic, who has returned to Yugoslavia after a brief stint at the club last season. Matteo Colucci, Fred de Jong (in Holland with Fortunia Sittard) and Vince Colaguri.

And, of course, the future of their greatest player of all, Zlatko Nastevski, is still in doubt.

It has yet to be proven that his knee reconstruction will enable him to continue where he left off after being injured in his

Wolves devour Canberra Croatia

WOLLONGONG
City scored a major upset when they defeated Canberra Croatia 2-1 at Brandon Park.

Previously beaten all year, Canberra Croatia were looking good for promotion to the National Soccer League, however they now trail Wollongong Macedonia by three points with five rounds to go.

The first half saw Canberra dominate territorially; however their forwards would not put away the chances that came to them.

Wollongong's de-

fence also contributed to Canberra's lack of goals, as the entire backline had outstanding games keeping their forward line at bay for most of the match.

Canberra did however take the lead in the 35th minute, when Alan Reis scored from a free-kick after he was brought down just outside the area.

The turning point in the game came in the first ten minutes after half-time, when Wollongong struck twice through John Danzo.

The first came when Oldridge and McEvoy combined to give Danzo a shot at goal which

he duly put away. The second was a little luckier when Croatia defender Marcina, trying to set up yet another attack, had a crack at goal which

rebounded off a Wollongong defender some 40 metres upfield and Danzo to his surprise was all by himself, he drew the keeper and home for the eventual winner.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Atas, Baggott, Scott, Higgs, McEvoy, Piacentini, Gilchrist, Krishna, Danzo, Oldridge.

CANBERRA CROATIA: Gunning, Junna, Marcina, Young, Dunn, Kulscar, Pratzina, Dukic, Reis, Gagetti (Zanzetti), Serene (Mazis).

REFEREE: N. Asargioli.



A typical movement in the St George — Wollongong Macedonia encounter at St George Stadium. Photo by STEPHEN GOSCH/ AVENUEWS

NSW Composite Tables

1ST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wollongong Mac	11	8	3	0	26	13	19
Sutherland Shire	12	6	5	1	22	10	17
Canberra	10	7	2	1	29	10	16
St George	12	6	4	2	27	14	16
Sydney Macedonia	11	7	2	2	19	11	16
Warringah	12	6	1	5	16	13	13
Rockdale Illinden	11	5	2	4	15	11	12
BHP Austral	10	5	2	3	12	8	12
Sydney Croatia	11	4	4	3	20	17	12
Wollongong City	12	6	0	6	20	22	12
Avala	10	4	2	4	21	21	10
Blacktown City	12	4	2	6	19	20	10
Canterbury	12	3	4	5	15	22	10
Polonia	10	2	4	4	8	10	8
North Shore Utd	11	2	2	7	8	25	6
Inter Monaro	11	1	2	8	9	23	4
Marconi	10	1	1	8	7	27	3
Sydney Olympic	10	1	0	9	9	25	2

UNDER 19

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Canterbury	13	2	3	8	15	31	7
Sydney Olympic	10	2	1	7	13	23	5
Rockdale Illinden	10	2	0	8	10	17	4
Marconi	12	0	1	11	16	40	1

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Apia flag flying

Apia-Leichhardt's Ron Orsatti, acting president of the social club and soccer chairman, believes that the pride and goodwill of the supporters will lead to a big season for the club.

In late news, a meeting has been called at the club at 7.30pm on Friday to discuss the NSL season's programme with members and supporters.

The Social Club is to undergo extensive restructuring, to increase revenue and profits.

A group of people will form a committee to run the soccer club's affairs under the full control of the APIA Club Ltd.

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BHP downs Rockdale in close go

AS at many other grounds on the day swirling winds did not help teams to play flowing soccer.

Newcastle's BHP Austral and Rockdale were no exception and errors were to be blamed for at least two of the goals in Newcastle's 2-1 win at Hurstville Oval.

Keith Warren did not have one of his

better games and it was his lapse of concentration which led to the first goal for the Austral side.

Brett Porter caught Warren in possession and not in full control of the ball, stealing away with his prize and putting Austral a goal up in the 13th minute.

Craig Carter was in top form at the other end and denied the speedy Rockdale strikers, especially livewire Bruno Beddoni, on many occasions.

There wasn't a lot of attractive play by either side in build ups, but Rockdale got their reward in the 83rd minute by pushing more players forward and drew level with a Beddoni goal.

Some frenzied activity in the Austral penalty area resulted in an indecisive clearance to the feet of the tall marksman who planted a top shot from 15 metres past the unsighted Carter.

Rockdale failed to secure the point they had worked for and allowed Newcastle to regain the lead only a minute later, apparently celebrating their success pre-



FIRST DIVISION

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PAUL GOODWIN

maturely.

Bobby Naumov floated over a corner from the left and Howard Tredinnick latched onto the ball to beat Warren with a typical piece of captain's determination.

As always Tredinnick led by example and is enjoying his best season to date with the Novocastrian club.

A lack of fire power up front could have cost Newcastle another win, but the all round commitment was enough in the final analysis to claim both points.

ROCKDALE-ILINDEN: Warren, Wilson, Segreto, Naumovski, Buchanan, Willis, Markovski, Ralevski, Leron (Campbell 70), Beddoni, Poloni.

BHP AUSTRAL: Carter, Bowen, Jones, Maier, Boogaard, Ironside, Tredinnick (McWhirter 72), Miletic (Calmakamis 55), Porter. REFEREE: Peter Spiers.

— PAUL GOODWIN

It's the tousle — haired El-Ali in the thick of the action for St George once again. But Wollongong Macedonia, the leaders, won 2-1. Photo: Stephen Gosch/Avenews.

Ned Zelic skippers Olympic tour team

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA
Croatia defender Ned Zelic moved up to the highest level of soccer in Australia on Sunday — and passed the test with ease.

Turning out for the Australian Olympic team against the senior Socceroos in a training game at the Australian Institute of Sport, he was one of the most outstanding players on the field, scoring in the Olympians' shock 2-0 win.

Now experts are beginning to wonder how long it is before Zelic, who has been named Olympic captain for the five-match tour of Europe which began this week, receives his full senior call-up.

The Canberra teenager was typically modest about his performance after-

wards.

"Playing with these guys is just brilliant, and it makes you rise above yourself," he said.

"I was pleased with the goal. Eddie Thomson (coach) asked me to get into midfield and have a go as much as possible and it came off."

On the captaincy he said it was a happy surprise. "I thought there were others in line and I really didn't expect it."

"We were coming out to a training session and Eddie took me aside and asked me how I'd feel about being captain — what could I say?"

"This is the first time I've captained any side but he stressed I should play my normal game and not let the responsibility get me down."

LEADING SCORERS: 10 Grant Bard (Sutherland), 9 Tony Lemezina (Canberra), Scott Gilbert (Sydney Mac), 8 Alan Reis (Canberra), Osvaldo El Ali (St George), 7 Miladin Kuc (Avala), Graeme Fletcher (Wollongong Mac), 6 Greg Brown (Wollongong Mac), David Suman (Blacktown), Bruno Beddoni (Rockdale), 5 Stuart Porter (Rockdale), Jason Oldridge (Wollongong City), 4 Lawrie McKinna (Polonia), David Seal (Sydney Macedonia), Theo Kotsias (Sydney Macedonia).

Shawn Freestone (St George), John Danzo (Wollongong City), Jerzy Drys (Polonia), Theo Kotsias (Sydney Macedonia).

Harry glum over Monaro 1-1 draw

BY GRAHAM COOKE

INTER Monaro coach Harry Williams, rarely a man to be roused, had some stinging criticism for the standard of ACT referees supplied for the NSW League after his team's 1-1 draw with Sutherland at the Marco Polo Ground on Sunday.

"After today you can see why players get injured; why players take matters into their own hands, and why games deteriorate," he said.

"It is essential the NSW Soccer Federation takes a long, hard look at this."

"My main criticism today is that the referee, Dave Watson, was inconsistent in many of his decisions, but it is not just him."

"For weeks now I have been unhappy with the refereeing. I have spoken to other State League coaches and they feel the same."

"But nobody has said anything — now I think it is time we stopped suppressing it."

Whether Watson's

Demons improve

BLACKTOWN City eased their relegation worries when they accounted for Sydney Croatia 4-1 in their midweek clash.

Having to overcome an early setback when Sydney Croatia scored through Andrew French in the sixth minute, Blacktown dominated proceedings, never giving the Sydney Croatia team a chance to play by continually chasing and hounding the Croatian ball player.

Blacktown for the first time this year used the whole field when in possession, playing good football at times.

As a result all their goals were from moves from either wing by using the space out wide and giving the forwards the necessary room in the middle to be able to put the goals away.

Goals to Suman (2), Gibson and Maloney who has now scored in all of his three games, were just reward for a good allround performance by the Blacktown City team.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Moulton, Longo, Lee, Langan, Maloney, Comerford, Connolly, Mason, Gibson, Suman, Rogers (Brockbank)

SYDNEY CROATIA: Kalac, Jones, Zizic, Popovic, Babic, George, Pillement, Stanton, French, Gomez, Devechis.

Referee: R. Lorenc
— DAVID COOPER

fault or not, the game had little to recommend it. The goals came in one 30-second flash in the first half, but for the rest it was a rugged, generally unattractive clash between Sutherland's long-ball down the middle and Monaro's slower (sometimes painfully so) build-ups.

Monaro took the lead after 19 minutes, Toplica Popovich, normally a defender but drafted into the forward line, had a run into the penalty area illegally ended by Robert Sellar and Luche Djordjieski struck a shot home from the penalty spot.

Straight from the kick-off Sutherland worked the ball forward and Darryl Sharp collected it on the edge of the penalty area and fired a shot past Steve Hoszowski.

Hoszowski, having one of his best games of the season in goal, could nevertheless have cost his side a point with his only mistake shortly after half time.

The ball was pumped forward and he misjudged it, but Angelo Ambrosino was able to thrash it away.

Two minutes later the goalkeeper was back to his confident best, moving out smartly to save from Harry Christodoulou with Grant Bard lurking.

Monaro was having difficulty in stringing passes together. Its sweetest move of the half, a combination between Pepe Lopera,

N. Shore's valuable point

BY PAUL GOODWIN

WINDY conditions at Arlington Oval meant that good football was at a premium and the two sides, North Shore United and Canterbury-Marrickville, managed a 1-1 draw, with neither scoring classic goals.

Nick Oustambasidis almost opened the scoring when he cut the ball back from the left byline in the 3rd minute and goalie Michael Blanco pushed the ball past the far post.

Michael Lardis headed over the bar in the 10th from another Oustambasidis cross, before North Shore took the lead.

The energetic Mark Nile won possession on the half way line and burst upfield, sending in a low cross which Dragan Pupovac could not hold cleanly.

Peter Norman managed to collect the loose ball after a valiant attempt by Pupovac to make good his mistake and buried the opportunity at point blank range.

Coach Roberto Viera put new steel into his Berries side in the second half and Northern Shore was kept busy at the back.

The midfield duo of



St George's star Oswaldo El-Ali bites the dust at the behest of the Wollongong Macedonia keeper. He then scored from the spot.

Pic: STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS

Njegos and Arsenije Popovich, ended in the offside trap.

INTER MONARO: Hoszowski, Grassick, B. Monteroso, Bryant, Arthur, Djordjieski (Danielle 66), Carbone (Lopera 75), Ambrosino, N. Popovich, A. Popovich, T. Popovich.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Edmunds, Sellar (Ensor 36), Terry, Biscay, O'Shea, Christodoulou, Hutchison, Sharp, Bard, Lenny.

REFEREE: Dave Watson. CROWD: 111.

Tom Divljak and Bernie Godzik held away, creating opportunities for the runners up front.

Blanco pushed another Oustambasidis effort, a header this time, round the post in the 51st and cut out another.

Godzik hit a powerful free kick against the bar in the 57th

Saints down to leaders W'gong Macedonia

BY DAVID COOPER



What goes on? Could it be some biff? It all happened in the St George — Wollongong Macedonia match at St George Stadium on Sunday. Photo: STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS

WOLLONGONG Macedonia moved further ahead in the State League 1st Division competition when they defeated St George 2-1 at St George Stadium.

A late penalty goal sealed the win for the Wollongong side and coupled with Canberra Croatia's loss to Wollongong City now gives them a break on the rest of the field.

Wollongong started off on the right note when in the 15th minute Tony Morley, the former England international, struck a fierce 25 metre drive which the St George goalkeeper could not handle and Graeme Fletcher picked up the loose ball to slot home from close range.

St George struck back quickly though

from 30 metres to signal Canterbury's period of intense pressure.

Spiro Hantzis got away down the left side in the 60th and crossed smartly, where Michael Lardis headed in the equalizer inside the 6 yard area.

North Shore had one more real chance to regain the lead in the 86th minute.

Lee Sutherland, Neal Hunter and Glenn Jeffery converged on the Berries' goal with Jeffery's shot the last one to be deflected away.

Lardis headed over the 89th as each side began to realize, like their opponents, that perhaps a point was quite satisfactory.

It was not a game for the purist, but the players worked hard to get something going and gave a genuine performance.

NORTH SHORE UNITED: Blanco, Booth, Gillan, Pierce, Crookes, Bradley (Ferguson 70), Sutherland, Norman, Nile, Jeffery, Hunter.

CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE: Pupovac, Adamou, Sintas, Kalogeris, Hantzis, Divljak, Godzik, B. Radman, Lardis, Melissourgos (Petris 72), Oustambasidis.

REFEREE: Alex Spiroski.

when from Orvaldo El-Ali was brought down in the area.

He took the spot kick himself which he duly converted.

Wollongong, although having the territorial advantage, could not get right on top.

They had to wait until the dying stages of the game when they were awarded a penalty after St George had handled the ball in the area from a corner.

Brett Thorntwaite — as calmly as you — like converted the spot kick to give Wollongong Macedonia the

two points.

REFEREE: J. McConnell.

STOP PRESS

- Gurkan Tasdemir, free scoring member of the successful Southern Districts side, has left the club to trial with Turkish side Fenerbache.
- Kelly Cross, former coach of 2nd Division Rosebery, has lined up with the well administered Spanish Club in Federation League 4.



NSW

WED AUG 15
Conference A: Avila v Marconi, Melita Stadium 6.30pm, 8.15pm.

Division 2: Manly Warringah v Dulwich Hill, Cromer Park, 6.45pm, 8.30pm. Gladysville Hornsby v Waverley, Christie Park, 6.30pm, 8.30pm.

Federation League 3: Bankstown v Nth Ryde RSL, Thuringa Park, 6.30pm, 8.15pm. Mt Pritchard v Pt Hacking, Mt Pritchard Complex, 6.30pm, 8.15pm.

THURS AUG 16
Division 2: Rosebery Portugal v Auburn Yugal 1st grade, Sydney Athletic Field 7pm.

WED AUG 22
Waverley v South Dists (1st grade) Sydney Athletic Field 7pm, Lemnos Allstars v Pt Hacking, Seymour Shaw.

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION LTD

SATURDAY AUGUST 18

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

BHP Austral v Canberra Croatia Austral Park

FEDERATION LEAGUE 2

Waverley v Manly Warringah Waverley Oval

FEDERATION LEAGUE 3

Hills United	v	Cyprus United	Fred Caterson
Mt Pritchard	v	Bathurst 75	Mt Pritchard
Concordia	v	Canterbury & Dist	Mackey Park
Bankstown	v	Port Hacking	Jensen Park

SUNDAY AUGUST 19

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

Avila	v	Sydney Olympic	Melita Stadium
Sydney Macedonia	v	Rockdale Illinden	Jensen Oval
Marconi	v	Wollongong City	Marconi Oval
Warringah — bye			

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE B

Polonia	v	St George	Chopin Park
Wollongong Mac	v	Canterbury	Brandon Park
North Shore Utd	v	Sydney Croatia	Cromer Park
Inter Monaro	v	Blacktown City	postponed
Sutherland Shire — bye			

DIVISION 2

Campbelltown Vik.	v	Auburn Yugal	Bensley Road
Central Coast	v	Southern Dists	Plum Park
Dulwich Hill	v	Rosebery	Arlington Oval
Fairfield City	v	Petersham	Knight Park
Gladesville H'by	v	Orange Waratahs	Christie Park
Granville Chile	v	Mt Druitt Town	Garside Park

FEDERATION LEAGUE 3

Canterbury & Dists	v	Uni of NSW	Mackey Park
Cyprus United	v	North Ryde RSL	Fraser Park
Bathurst 75	v	Port Hacking	Kelso Park
Hills United	v	Lemnos Allstars	Fred Caterson
Concordia	v	West Wanderers	Marrickville Oval

Southern Districts heads close promotion race

SOUTHERN Districts put paid to Rosebery in a hastily arranged deferred fixture at the Sydney Athletic Field on Thursday night.

BY PAUL GOODWIN

Rosebery's Under-19 side had brought the sensational unbeaten run of Districts to an end the previous night, but the senior side had no answer to the team leading the competition, who won 6-0.

Aytec Genc and Hugo Gimenez hit the spot in the first half, Ugher Taskin grabbed two, Leo Ulloa one and Birol Sertbas took his personal tally for the season to seven with another well struck penalty.

Three days later and back at Ernie Smith Reserve, the team found Campbelltown too much of a handful to take both points and with Greg Woodhouse in scintillating touch, collected a single point from a scoreless draw, in front of 850 excited fans.

The dropped point was not the problem it could have been as Dulwich Hill Madeira came unstuck at Erskineville Oval, going down 3-1 to Portuguese rivals Petersham Lusitanos.

The gap has widened now to four points and the catch-up game with Manly tonight at Cromer is one which Dulwich Hill must win to stay in the race. They would then need to remain unbeaten and leave their best effort for the final game with Southern Districts.

Petersham took the lead on Sunday through a Frank Speranza penalty in the 32nd minute, but Madeira levelled in the 62nd thanks to Peter Dameski.

Petersham managed

to regain the lead when Darren Stephenson nodded in after a Speranza corner, which created panic stations in the goal-mouth, before Stephenson put the ball in the net after it had twice rattled the bar in the 70th minute.

Speranza made it 3-1 a minute later following up a David Batten shot which had been partially cleared.

Waverley defeated Auburn-Yugal 2-0 at Mona Park, with Peter Treacey getting the first in the 27th after intercepting a Michael Apanian pass intended for his keeper Pinto and Barry Walker scoring from 16 metres in the 65th in a quick counter-attack.

Fairfield got a valuable 2-1 win at Orange, scoring first with Jonathon Langan and later with Alberto Arbelo, before a 40 yard Mark Rooke shot pulled one back for the Waratahs.

Jason Sinclair rattled the woodwork in the closing stages to threaten the loss of one point for the visitors.

Central Coast got two goals in the last twenty minutes to beat Rosebery 2-1 at the Marks Field on Sunday.

The home side had gone in front with a Nelson Desousa goal, but could not hang on against a hard-working Coast unit.

Andrew Ollier equalised and Matthew Garland grabbed the winner with 10 minutes to spare.

Mount Druitt's good

run came to an end when the now flying Gladesville toppled them 2-0 at Popondetta Park.

Bernie Voloder put the 'Mitre 10 Bears' one up in the 35th, when put through by 20 year old former Melita junior Jeff Kelly. Kelly himself made it two in the 75th, latching onto a Voloder cross, for his second goal in a season which has seen him make big strides.

Manly and Granville-Chile staged a dour struggle at Cromer Park with a 2-2 scoreline at the finish.

The visitors hit the lead in the 15th when Cristian Navarro took advantage of a defensive mix up. Manly put away a penalty when Tom Gavin came down in the 44th minute, Peter Falconer doing the honours.

Although Andy Ferris was under a close watch by Graham Walton and Mark Butler, Granville managed to regain the lead, despite lacking their usual South American flair.

It was Navarro again who slammed in a ball from the left in the 52nd minute, but Falconer once more put away a penalty to bring his side a point. Rivera hit the bar for Granville late in the game while at the other end Philip Moss, who had an otherwise solid game, missed a chance to seal things for the home side.

RESULTS

Rosebery Portugal 0 Southern Districts 6 (Genc, Gimenez, Taskin 2, Ulloa, Sertbas pen.), Auburn-Yugal 0 Waverley 2 (Treacey, Walker), Manly-Warringah 2 (Falconer 2 pens) Granville-Chile (Navarro 2), Rosebery Portugal 1 (Desousa) Central Coast 2 (Ollier, Garland), Petersham Lusitanos 3 (Speranza 2 (1 pen.), Stephenson), Dulwich Hill Madeira 1 (Dameski), Orange-Warringah 1 (Rooke) Fairfield City 2 (Langan, Arbelo), Southern Districts 0 Campbelltown Vikings 0, Mount Druitt Town 0 Gladesville-Homby 2 (Voloder, Kelly).

LEADING SCORERS: 14 Barry Walker, 12 Sep Dsich, 11 Dennis Duarte, Paul Harriott, 10 Andy Ferris, Graeme Williamson, 9 Leo Ulloa, Darren Stephenson, 8 Ozcan Celik, Paul Petterson, Remyle Galloway, 7 Gurkan Tasdemir, Birol Sertbas, Steve Karavatis, Ray Carney, 6 Mark Butler, Paul Corbett, 5 Gary Hastie, Jason Gribble, Jimmy Berry, Nello Borges, Alberto Arbelo, Wayne Famaworth, Ugher Taskin, 4 Stephen Hooper, Max Delicibus, Chris Butt, Tiz Morosini, Bernie Voloder, Steve Blackburn, Glen Hooper, Radovan Filipovic, Aytec Genc, Andrew Ollier, Ron Davison, 3 Bruno Ciaramella, Ian Wotherspoon, Erkan Osman, Erkin Osman, Vaso Despolovic, Robbie Lowe, Tony Heery, Ashley Williamson, Danny Zannola, Richard Celar, Don Campbell, Warwick Turpin, Zeljko Beres, Tony O'Shane, Vlado Zoric, Victor Sergio, Frank Speranza, Peter Falconer, Jonathon Langan.

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Loan player scheme falls flat on face

BY PAUL GOODWIN

THE State League First Division season ends on September 16 and it is certain that there will be no time — and indeed no desire — to pursue a top four series in 1990.

Due to wet weather in recent weeks the Second Division programme has been extended to September 2, to be followed by semi-finals and a grand final.

Since the National League competition is scheduled to get underway on October 5, there will hardly be time for some players to catch their breath.

Players on loan from NSL clubs to State League outfits are now training again with their parent clubs, although some are still featuring in State League games right up until the last possible moment.

Parramatta Melita Eagles are in full training, which means four solid nights a week training and the arrangement between Melita and Southern Districts in regard to Aytec Genc and Hugo Gimenez leads to a pretty hectic schedule for those players.

They figure in Mike Johnson's plans to capture the title and with promotion to First Division.

In addition, Johnson will want the players in his side for the championship series later in the month.

Over at Polonia, Marshall Soper is expected to carry on for the remaining half dozen fixtures, while Greg Brown, who was with Wollongong Macedonia, has returned to Melita after an agreed 10-match stint.

The Avala defensive duo of Washington Gonzales and Alfredo Barrios have both finished their State League engagements.

A pity for coach Cliff Pointer, who now has to completely reshape his defence to achieve results and thus satisfy a demanding Avala public.

Up at BHP Austral the Sydney Olympic pair of Gary Phillips and Robbie Ironside are committed until the end of the season.

But Glenn Sterrey, coach of Warringah Freshwater, is uncertain whether he can retain the services of Grant Lee, also from Olympic, for the same period.

Graham Arnold has played his last game for Sutherland and is trialling for Roda JC in Holland.

There does appear some inconsistency about the availability of these loan players, which cannot be good for the credibility of the teams of the State's premier competition.

One wonders what became of the requirement that all players contracted by NSL clubs to State League teams



Sunday action — St George v Wollongong Macedonia — Pic: STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS

continue to play until the last match of the season for their adopted club.

The original idea that the inclusion of National League players in some State League Division One sides would boost playing standards and increase the prestige of the competition has hardly been a total success.

Any gains made by having more attractive State League sides have been negated by the erratic strength of the sides fielded by a number of NSL under 23 clubs, which have, in varying degrees, used the State League competition to give raw youngsters much needed experience throughout the campaign.

The quality of the line-ups has been erratic, which makes it difficult for clubs to tackle vital games confidently. It has also been impossible for existing State League clubs to promote their games as the quality of the opposition has so often been an unknown factor.

With promotion and relegation at stake, many clubs are far from satisfied with the consistency of performance by the big name clubs, using the State League to blood youngsters.

The exceptions have been St George which has always played to a high standard and has also been willing to advertise its own games and Wollongong City which is making great strides as the season wears on.

Few, if any, club officials or coaches in the State League have any faith in the experiment and while they welcomed the opportunity to strengthen their sides, the format of the twin-conference First Division met with universal condemnation.

Crowds have been down, despite the apparent better quality players on show.

The comparable size of Division Two attendances shows that the public prefers a series confined to first grade teams, notwithstanding the reduced level of skill.

NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 1

South Hill	16	8	1	7	30	25	17
Hajduk	15	8	1	6	28	31	17
Arcliffe	16	6	5	23	26	16	7
Croatia Syd	16	8	1	14	13	60	7
Belmore Her	17	1	1	15	19	57	3

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5

GRADE 1

West Dist	19	16	2	1	62	21	34
Macquarie Uni	19	12	3	4	27	27	
Ashour Star	19	9	6	4	37	32	24
Prospect Utd	17	11	1	5	33	17	23
Sporting Peru	17	11	0	6	39	32	22
Alexander	20	8	4	8	41	41	20
Lithgow	20	8	1	1	22	33	15
Chile Sports	19	5	4	10	24	43	16

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 2

South Hill	22	19	2	1	54	15	40
Camp Town	23	14	8	2	35	22	32
Rosebery	21	14	3	4	57	26	31
Dulwich Hill	22	14	3	5	48	24	31
Granville	23	14	3	8	46	35	31
Manly W/gah	23	11	5	7	65	42	27
Gl'ville H/b	23	10	5	8	56	40	25
Waverley	23	8	3	12	30	44	19

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 3

St Pritchard	18	12	3	3	36	12	27
Port Hacking	16	12	1	3	37	18	25
Cyprus United	17	10	3	4	32	17	23
Lemnos	18	9	4	5	27	22	22
West Wends	19	8	4	7	28	26	20
North Ryde	18	7	5	6	31	19	19
Hills United	17	6	4	8	30	19	18
Balmain	18	5	3	5	34	26	22

STATE LEAGUE 3 GR 1

St Pritchard	18	12	3	3	36	12	27

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SOCCKET POOLS



THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

WEEK 264

SAT. 18th AUGUST, 1990

G. M. VAUXHALL CONFERENCE LEAGUE		
BARROW	KID'MINSTER	1
BATH	KETTERING	2
CHELTENHAM	GATESHEAD	3
FISHER ATH.	ALTRINCHAM	4
MACCLESFIELD	BARNET	5
MERTHYR T.	NORTHWICH	6
RUNCORN	WYCOMBE	7
SLOUGH	BOSTON U.	8
SUTTON UTD.	TELFORD	9
WELLINGTON U.	STAFFORD	10
YEOVIL	COLCHESTER	11
BANGOR	LEEK	12
BUXTON	COLNE DYN.	13
CHORLEY	BISHOP AUK.	14
FRICKLEY A.	S. LIVERPOOL	15
GAINSBORO	DROYLSDEN	16
HYDE	FLEETWOOD	17
MORECAMBE	MOSSLEY	18
SHEPSHED	HORWICH	19
SOUTHPORT	MATLOCK	20
STALYBRIDGE	MARINE	21
WITTON A.	GOOLE	22
ATHERSTONE	CHELMSFORD	23
BROMSGROVE	GRAVESEND	24
DARTFORD	WEYMOUTH	25
DORCHESTER	WORCESTER	26
DOVER	BASHLEY	27
GLoucester	RUSHDEN	28
HALESOWEN	FARNBORO	29
MOOR GREEN	CRAWLEY	30
POOLE	CAMB'GE C.	31
WATERLOO	BURTON A.	32
WEALDSTONE	RUGBY	33
ANDOVER	SUDSBURY	34
ASHFORD	NEWPORT IOW	35
BUCKING'M. T.	CANTERBURY	36
BURY TOWN	FAREHAM	37
ERITH	SALISBURY	38

RESERVE MATCHES

VAUXHALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION		
HASTINGS T.	DUNSTABLE	39
HYTHE TN.	BURNHAM	40
AYLESBURY	LEYTON WTE	41
BISHOPS S.	CARSHALTON	42
DAGENHAM	BASINGSTOKE	43
GRAYS	HAYES	44
HARROW	BARKING	45
HENDON	ENFIELD	46
KINGSTONIAN	REDBRIDGE	47
WIVENHOE T.	STAINES	48
WOKING	WINDSOR	49
AVELEY	LEWES	50
BOREHAM W.	DULWICH	51
BROMLEY	WEMBLEY	52
CHALFONT	HEYBRIDGE	53
HITCHIN	CROYDON	54
MOLESEY	YEADING	55

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE SOUTHERN DIVISION

* Winning match numbers and supplementary number.

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MATCH RESULTS

WEEK 263
SAT. 11th AUGUST, 1990

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1	
RINGWOOD C.	ALBION
BRUNSWICK U.	ALTONA GATE
BOX HILL	MORWELL
MELB. CITY	BULLEEN
GREEN GULLY	CAULFIELD CITY
HEIDELBERG U.	FRANKSTON P.
FAWKNER	CROYDON CITY
NORTHCOTE C.	ST. ALBANS
MOOROOLBARK	THOMASTOWN
ESSENDON	OAKLEIGH
MARYBOROUGH	DOVETON
WERRIBEE	PT. MELBOURNE
WESTGATE	SANDRINGHAM
KNOX CITY	WESTERN SUBS.
B'MEADOWS	MORDIALLOC
SUNBURY UTD.	CLIFTON HILL
BRIGHTON	COBURG
DONCASTER	BELL PARK
DANDEONONG	WAVERLEY
KEILOR	NUNAWADING
CHELSEA	RINGWOOD U.
GEELONG	RICHMOND
SORRENTO	KELMSCOTT
STIRLING MAC.	NTH. PERTH
SPEARWOOD	PERTH ITALIA
BALGA	WANNEROO
BASSENDEN	SWAN CRAC.
COCKBURN	ROCKINGHAM
EAST PERTH	STIRLING T.P.
FREMANTLE B.	OSBORNE PK.
FORRESTFIELD	MORLEY
FERNDALE UTD.	MELVILLE
GOSNELLS	INGLEWOOD
LATROBE V.	SLACKS CREEK
CAPALABA	SOUTH STAR
TOOWONG	GRIFFITH UNI.
ST. LEONARDS	OLYMPIC
GEORGE TOWN	DEVONPORT



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THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 13/8/90 — WEEK 263

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED												NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED											
27	33	40	6	17	5	32	47	35	48	7	12	7	7	5	8	2	6	11	21	3	0	0	0
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52	47	38	54	50	53	54	48	48	48	4	11	0	1	0	8	7	18	1	1	1	1	1	1
50	56	55	63	61	76	57	53	53	53	3	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	5	5	5	5	5
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Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

RESULTS OF WEEK 263 SAT 11 AUGUST, 1990

Total Prize Pool is \$218,546.20
Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order): 12, 19, 21, 26, 34, 38.
Supplementary Number: 8

Division 1
The Prize Pool is \$150,000.00
One Provisional winner of \$150,000.00.

Division 4
The Prize Pool is \$29,381.10
2,469 winners of \$11.90ea.

Division 2
The Prize Pool is \$3,921.90 3
Provisional winners of \$1,307.30ea.

Division 5
The Prize Pool is \$23,478.40
2,668 winners of \$8.80ea.

Division 3
The Prize Pool is \$11,764.80
72 winners of \$163.40ea.



State League action from South Australia, Adelaide Hellas downs Modbury 3-0.

QUEENSLAND

as at August 12

XXX LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bris Lions	20	13	6	1	36	5	45
Bris City	20	10	6	4	49	24	36
North Star	19	9	5	2	45	27	33
Eastern Subs	20	9	5	6	30	26	32
Taringa Rov	19	8	7	4	27	23	31
Pine Rivers	18	9	2	7	41	35	29
Rochdale Rov	20	8	4	6	31	40	28
Coopers	18	6	4	9	20	28	22
Acacia Ridge	20	6	2	12	30	45	20
Mt Gravatt	19	6	1	12	21	28	19
Grange Thist	19	3	6	10	20	37	15
Olympic Utd	19	3	2	14	14	43	11

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tinnerley	19	9	7	3	35	18	34
L'Valley	19	9	5	5	32	24	32
Luhwyche	19	9	5	5	33	30	32
Dana Utd	19	8	7	4	35		



Heidelberg tops — but Croydon won't falter

BY DAVID BULLOCK

HEIDELBERG U.A. 4
FRANKSTON P. 1

HEIDELBERG remained league leaders with a conclusive 4-1 victory over 17th placed Frankston Pines, though a 14-1 scoreline could easily have been the final result.

During the afternoon's proceedings, Heidelberg hit the woodwork on four occasions, while Frankston keeper Lee Davies denied Jim Tsirikas three times and Garry McDowell twice with brilliant goalkeeping.

Ten minutes into the first half, Frankston took a shock lead through Carlos Galvan who punished a defensive error from Alan Scott in clinical fashion.

Heidelberg became a ruthless unit after the goal, but squandered many chances, until Stuart Stevenson finally brought the home side back on level terms five minutes before half time with a crisp shot.

Heidelberg finally took the lead 8 minutes into the second half when Stuart Cannell scored from the penalty spot after Stuart Stevenson had been brought down in the area.

Stuart Stevenson, Heidelberg's best player on the day made no mistake in the 77th minute, hitting a fine shot past the defiant Frankston Keeper Davies.

With ten minutes remaining, Heidelberg increased their lead through skipper Garry McDowell who headed home from close range after an Alan Scott corner kick.

NORTHCOTE 1
ST ALBANS 1

Northcote City had to settle for a share of the points after completely dominating the entire match against St Albans.

Northcote had earlier in the week dispensed with the service of coach Roy McLaren and replaced him with Paul Harris, who will carry on till the end of the season.

Neil Mills gave Northcote the lead one minute into the second half when he made no mistake getting on the end of a Pedro Ramos free kick to plant it in the back of the net.

St Albans got back on level terms in the 63rd minute, when Darko Basara swooped on a defensive error to fire his shot into the back of the net.

Northcote continued to surge forward to no avail, as St Albans held on grimly under the constant pressure applied.

GREEN GULLY 3
CAULFIELD 1

Green Gully bounced back from their shock exit in the Dockerty Cup last week at the hands of 3rd Division Bentleigh Greens to score a convincing 3-1 victory over Caulfield City.

The match was an even contest, until Aki Kotzamichalis gave Gully the lead in the 39th minute.

Kevin Harrison nodded on a free kick in the area and as the ball spilt free, Kotzamichalis was on hand to scramble the ball over the line.

Caulfield bounced back immediately when a free kick was awarded against Kotzamichalis who had handled the two points.

Kalegeros stepped up to take the kick just outside the area and his shot on goal went sailing into the back of the net with tremendous force.

Ten minutes into the second half, Gully regained the lead when Tommy Daly layed off a pass to Kevin Harrison who, with only the keeper to beat, coolly rounded him and put the ball into the back of the net.

Five minutes from full time, Harrison put the match beyond Caulfield's grasp.

Collecting a pass from Daly, he beat the keeper with a thundering shot to bring up his 15th goal of the season.

BOX HILL 5
MORWELL FALCONS 2

Morwell Falcons scored a comfortable 2-0 victory over bottom of the table Box Hill, at Wembley Park, to maintain their challenge for a top four berth.

It came as no surprise when Altona finally levelled up the score late in the first half.

Gordon Scott, who had scored four goals at the same venue six days prior in a Dockerty Cup fixture, put Morwell ahead 20 minutes into the first half when he punished a fumble by Box Hill keeper Tony Lyras, who misjudged a cross from the right.

Scott seized on the opportunity to fire his shot into the back of the net.

Fifteen minutes later, Morwell went further ahead when Effie Cassar collected a loose ball inside the area and his shot on goal was squeezed through a group of players and into the bottom right hand corner.

RINGWOOD 1
ALBION 3

After a even first twenty minutes, Albion

Morwell continued to pressure the home side for the remainder of the match, only to get no rewards for their efforts, while Box Hill still without a win this season, fought on doggedly until the final whistle.

Morwell's bubbly coach Bobby McLachlan was quite content with his team's performance and went on to say after the match, "After the first 25 minutes, the match was never in doubt.

"I would have liked a few more goals, but full credit to Box Hill, they never gave up," said McLachlan.

B. JUVENTUS 1
ALTONA GATE 1

Altona Gate after looking very ordinary early in the match, can consider themselves very unlucky not to have come away from Middle Park with the two points.

The 1-1 result finally ended Brunswick Juventus's dream of NSL promotion in 1990, as they now find themselves four points adrift from Heidelberg and Croydon with only four rounds to be played.

Altona went into the match without leading scorer Gary McNullen and midfield play-maker Vlado Tortelevski, both serving one match suspensions, and this looked to have given Juventus an upper hand as they attacked right from the opening whistle, while Altona were looking very lethargic.

Charlie Egan put Juventus ahead 15 minutes into the first half when he scored after collecting a neat pass from the right from Steve Smith.

Suddenly Altona Gate clawed their way back into the match and made their opponents look second rate with fluent one touch possession.

It came as no surprise when Altona finally levelled up the score late in the first half.

Goran Georgievski made a surprising run down the right and his cross was sweetly headed into the back of the net by Zoran Todorovski, past a hapless Peter Laumonts.

Altona continued to dominate in the second half, but were unable to find the back of the net, while Juventus had no answer to the very under-rated Western Suburbs outfit.

He said: "We never gave up, we didn't take all our chances and I think 5-1 would have been a true reflection on the game," while Ringwood coach, John Corvan simply stated,



Celebration time for Andy Humble of Croydon and his coach Ian Dobson after Humble scored the first goal of the game against Heidelberg.

"Another one bites the dust."

MELBOURNE JUST 2
BULLEEN 3

Turk Gucu completely dominated the remainder of the match to run out easy 3-1 winners over lowly Ringwood City.

26 minutes in the first half, Albion opened up their account with a brilliant goal from Ayhan Patsaman who sizzled the ball into the back of the net from 4 yards after a corner kick had been floated in from the left by Peter Kadlecik.

In the 58th minute, Albion made it 2-0 when Willie Raynes floated in his corner kick from the right.

Don MacLeod nodded the ball across the goal mouth and Patsaman slipped in behind the defence to head home from close range to score his second for the afternoon.

Ringwood received a penalty, two minutes from full-time when Micky Maguire was brought down by Tyrone James and Steve Douglas inside the area.

Maguire took the resulting penalty and made no mistake, blasting the ball past Albion Keeper, Ernie Toth.

With only seconds remaining, Raynes sent a cross from the right to Andrew Fruend who hit a sizzling volley into the roof of the net, giving Ringwood keeper Colin Blackley no chance.

Albion coach, Ian Wallace was satisfied with the result.

He said: "We never gave up, we didn't take all our chances and I think 5-1 would have been a true reflection on the game," while Ringwood coach, John Corvan simply stated,

their never say die challenge for the State League title with a conclusive victory over Fawkner.

They went into the match without player/coach Ian Dobson, who was nursing a broken arm after a collision in a Dockerty Cup fixture last weekend.

Fawkner got off to a dream start straight from the kick-off, when a penalty was awarded against Andy McMillan for a foul on Bladojevic. Fawkner player/coach, Claude Lucessi stepped up to the spot and made no mistake with his shot.

Fawkner could not sustain their lead, as Croydon hit back in the eighth minute.

A free kick by Nick Van Egmond just outside the Fawkner area was curled around the wall and David Klepac beat goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic with a towering header.

Croydon went on full assault, and in the 23rd minute they took the lead when Lucessi passed poorly from a free kick and, in the ensuing scramble, the ball went to Andy Humble who crossed for Van Egmond to head home from close range.

In the 70th minute Croydon made sure of their victory when Klepac beat two defenders and sent a stinging shot into the back of the net to mark his 12th goal of the season.

Bulleen were back on level terms at the half hour, thanks to Alex Livingstone who converted from the penalty spot.

With the scores locked at one all, Frank Valentic put the visitors ahead three minutes into the second half, scoring from close range.

Darren Tuck made it 3-1 to Bulleen in the 75 minute, when he drilled the ball into the back of the net after a defensive error.

JUST nearly hit back three minutes later through Davor Lasic, whose shot cannoned off the post, but Lasic made no mistake five minutes later, hitting a brilliant shot into the top corner from 30 yards.

With four minutes remaining, JUST nearly grabbed a share of the points when Zoran Cazin's shot went only inches wide over the cross-bar.

FAWKNER 1
CROYDON 3

Croydon City continued

town.

Mooroolbark controlled the match right from the outset with pressure football and never allowed the opposition any space whatsoever to create any scoring chances.

The match-winning goal came 35 minutes into the first half when a clever side-footed pass from Barry Burton was met by David Brogan who drove his shot at the far post into the back of net.

French summed up Thomastown's performance after the game by simple saying: "I thought they were very disappointing. I know they have injuries at the moment, but haven't we all been in the same position this season?"

Croydon coach Ian Dobson said after the win: "At this stage of the year the two points are important obviously. There are four games to go now and at least we are level on points with Heidelberg".

"If it goes down to goal averages, we won't win because Heidelberg have scored far more goals than we have. Good luck to them if that's the case."

DOCKERTY CUP 2ND MAIN ROUND

Bentleigh Greens 2 (Trojan, Hamakios), Waverley City 4 (Nelson, Rasmir, Grinnade, sopalous), Box Hill 1 (o.g.) Albion 2 (MacLeod, Fruend), Mooroolbark 2 (McCallum, House) Melb. Just 0, Croydon 1 (Dougherty) Altona Gate 2 (Tortelevski, McMullen), Morwell 4 (Scott, McGreens, o.g. o.g.) Oakleigh 0, East Brunswick Ivanhoe 0, Heidelberg U.A. 1 (Lewis), Brunswick Juventus 1 (Lane) Ringwood City 0, Caulfield City 1 (Donnelly) St Albans 0.

Round 3 to be played Sunday, August 26.

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

	30	20	4	6	69	25	44
Heidelberg United	30	20	4	6	69	25	44
Croydon City	30	18	8	4	53	29	44
B'wick Juventus	30	17	6	7	46	21	40
Green Gully	30	16	4	10	52	30	36
Bulleen	30	14	8	8	44	36	36
Fawkner	30	14	7	9	44	33	35
Albion	30	14	7	9	35	27	35
Morwell	30	11	11	8	43	32	33
Altona Gate	30	10	12	8	36	31	32
Thomastown	30	12	8	10	34	40	32
Caulfield	30	10	8	12	37	42	28
N'cote City	30	11	6	13	44	51	28
St Albans	30	9	9	12	30	36	27
Melb. City JUST	29	8	9	12	31	37	25
Mooroolbark	28	8	6	14	26	39	22
R'wood City	30	6	5	19	37	62	17
F'ston Pines	29	4	7	18	19	57	15
Box Hill	30	0	7	23	16	66	7

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Ernie Merrick returns the fire . . .

Fair go given to Paul Lewis

BY GREG BLAKE



THE normally placid Ernie Merrick has come out with guns blazing to defend himself and the Sunshine George Cross club in the face of criticism from former Georgie striker Paul Lewis.

In a recent edition of ASW, Lewis, now with Heidelberg and the current Victorian State League top scorer, suggested that he wasn't treated as fairly as he might have been by his former club and that coach Merrick had "blasted" him unjustly in front of team mates.

Merrick, not usually prone to biting back in the face of criticism, said he didn't like "being negative" but told ASW that Lewis' story was "slightly twisted".

"Look, I'm not angry at him, just a little disappointed," Merrick told ASW.

"He's gone public with that same story once before and I refuse to accept hearing it twice.

"It's not so much for me as much as the club.

"He's given the club a serve and it deserves the right of reply."



Ernie Merrick

Merrick said Lewis had been given a "fair go" by Sunshine George Cross and that Lewis was as much to blame for his demise at Skinner Reserve than anyone else.

The George Cross coach admits that he did "blast" his striker on a single occasion.

"But even that wouldn't have been so severe had he not started blaming other players for his own form," Merrick explained.

"We believe that at no time did he take responsibility for his own performances.

"Several chances he had had and missed in those early games were one-on-ones with the goalkeeper.

"So I just couldn't accept him blaming other players for his lack of goals."

Merrick said that up until the time of his run-in with Lewis the striker had scored just one goal in five league and one cup game for the season.

And he added that despite the blow-up between the pair he still wasn't aware that it had a direct effect on Lewis deciding to leave Skinner Reserve.

"When he told me he was leaving he told me that he believed that the spectators disliked him and that had made it hard for him to stay at the club," says Merrick.

Merrick says he tried to talk Lewis into staying until the end of the 1989/90 season but defended his decision to publicly blast his former player.

"If a coach cannot do his job and be constructive — with criticism — then there is no point in having a coach," he told ASW.

"As for Paul saying that he didn't get a fair run at the club, that is not quite correct.

"When he came to the club his was the highest ever transfer fee paid by the club.

"His contract was the most lucrative ever signed at the club.

"He received more than double what some of the top players were on and his nicely worded contract included \$100 for every goal scored.

"And that included a clause that he was to take penalties!

"I wish Paul well and I hope he manages to finish top scorer in the Victorian State League.

"I have nothing against him but I am upset that he is willing to take shots at George Cross."

Merrick also admitted that the club had "almost certainly" lost skipper Shaun Parton to Preston for the new season.

John Campelj is transfer-listed and goalkeeper Sean Keogh is still negotiating for 1990/91.

On the plus side Sunshine has signed Queensland midfielder Troy Craney from the AIS as well as Scottish-born striker Derek Hunter.

Musical chairs in Victoria

BY GREG BLAKE

THE days of clubs setting up super-successful State League dynasties are all but over.

As the State League competition heads into the 1990s the chances are that any Victorian club which exerts supreme dominance over the rest of the competition for an extended period of time is more than likely to make the step up to NSL level.

That depends, of course, on the ASF/NSL's ruling on promotion and relegation.

Those clubs being lost to the local competition (and often quickly regained) suggest the one-off champion will become the rule rather than the exception.

All the genuine power teams of recent decades have gone on to degrees of NSL glory.

South Melbourne Hellas, the team of the 1960s and always a danger in the 1970s, is now an NSL giant.

Footscray JUST (now Melbourne City JUST) dominated the State League in the early 1970s and went on to spend 12 years in the national competition.

Essendon Lions/Croatia ruled the late 1970s and, as Melbourne Croatia, have gone on to become an NSL force.

And Green Gully, the last of the true Victorian power teams, completed a hat-trick of titles between 1981 and 1983 before moving into the NSL.

Recent seasons have seen State League champions rise and fall in quick succession.

Croydon, after winning back-to-back titles in 1985 and 1986, years this state's seven best clubs were on NSL duty, crashed to 11th in 1987.

Maribyrnong Polonia crashed after its 1987 title win and 1988 champion Heidelberg was whisked back to the national competition in double quick time.

Since the formation of the NSL at the end of 1976 the trend of clubs to dominate a certain era has tapered off dramatically.

1989 title winner



BOBBY McLACHLAN

"You have to work hard to make the breaks go for you but everything just seemed to fall into place last season."

"In 1989 you sat on the bench and you knew and the players knew that you were going to win."

"This year the breaks haven't come."

Two of the past three Victorian State League championship winning teams have finished their follow-up campaign in dismal fashion.

Can Morwell arrest that trend in 1990?

Vic hopes



VICTORIAN hopes for an end to the long-running saga of local competition rationalisation were dashed again last week, when a State League board of management meeting failed to reach an agreement on further proposals put forward for discussion.

Both proposals, one from VSF chairman Vito Cilauro and the other a combined effort by representatives of the VSF, State and Victorian Leagues, were, according to VSF spokesman Terry Jones, "knocked on the head" at a heated meeting of State League representatives.

The deep-rooted problems of the major bodies in Victoria still at loggerheads with each other was blamed

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THE FATE OF STATE CHAMPIONS SINCE FORMATION OF THE NSL

YEAR	CHAMPION	POS.	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
		NEXT SEASON								
1976	South Melbourne									
1977	Sunshine GC	3rd								
1978	Ess. Croatia	champs								
1979	Ess. Croatia	2nd								
1980	Preston	NSL								
1981	Green Gully	champs								
			Green Gully	Green Gully	Green Gully	Marwell Fal's	Croydon	Croydon	Heidelberg	Heidelberg
			1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1989

champs
NSL
2nd
champs
11th
12th
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Johan Cruyff . . .

No to Netherlands



BARCELONA manager Johan Cruyff has ruled himself out as a candidate for the vacant post of Dutch national coach, newspapers in the Netherlands reported.

The former Dutch star said it was impossible for him to combine the job with the obligations to the Spanish club.

"I'm up to my ears in work at Barcelona where my contract still has a year to run," De Telegraaf newspaper quoted Cruyff as saying.

"As national coach you must be near everything. That means you must follow Dutch football closely. That's not possible from Spain," he added.

Speculation Cruyff might take over the post grew after news of a meeting with former national coach Rinus Michels who now has a leading role with the Dutch Association.

Cruyff expressed an interest in working with the national team if they reached the next European Championship finals in 1992.

"I have told Michels that I'd be prepared to discuss coaching the national team once it has qualified for the European Championship," he said.

The Netherlands begins its qualifying campaign with an away match against Portugal in October.

Who is this man?



This fan wearing a 'Sydney' T-shirt and waving an Uruguayan flag, was photographed at the Belgium v Uruguay World Cup game in Verona. Is he Australian based and can anyone identify him?

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

England striker for Spain

SPANISH First Division club Real Sociedad has signed England B international striker Damian Atkinson from Sheffield Wednesday for five years.

Atkinson, 22, Real Sociedad's third foreign player alongside Irishman John Aldridge and Briton Kevin Richardson, was officially introduced to fans.

Spanish press reports said the Basque club had paid about \$2 million but British media reports put the figure at \$4 million.

Wednesday plans to replace Atkinson with Charlton's Paul Williams, the London club's leading scorer for the past two seasons.

Charlton chief Lennie Lawrence has accepted a \$1.6 million offer from Wednesday boss Ron Atkinson for Williams, explaining

"It was too good to refuse, although we are reluctant to let Paul go."

Wednesday will spend \$A469,380 more of the Atkinson fee on Danny Wilson, Luton Town's Northern Ireland mid-fielder.

Luton manager Jim Ryan expects the deal to be completed at Hillsborough tomorrow after the 31-year-old agreed personal terms with the Yorkshire club.

Ryan, who took over as Luton manager in January, said: "We were put in a bit of a spot when the offer came in for Danny. He's a very good player, but I thought that the price for a 31-year-old was fair.

"We allowed him to talk to Sheffield Wednesday and he has decided he would like to take their offer."

Wednesday will be Wilson's seventh club. He has also played for Bury, Chesterfield, Nottingham Forest, Scunthorpe and Brighton.

★★★

In other transfer news Italian giants Juventus have had a \$12 million offer for England defender Des Walker rejected by Nottingham Forest.

Forest, who threatened to call in UEFA over the deal last week when the Turin side announced they had already signed Walker, want to hold the 24-year-old to the three-and-a-half-



JOHN ALDRIDGE — will partner Damian Atkinson at Real Sociedad, whose first outing of the season resulted in a 7-0 hiding by Flamengo of Brazil in Tokyo.

year contract he signed four months ago.

Forest might be more willing to listen to offers for goalkeeper Steve Sutton, who is said to be interesting Second Division Leicester.



Likewise, Everton could well be ready to sell Welsh international centre-back Kevin Ratcliffe, following his poor form last season.

If they are prepared to offload him, Manchester City, managed by former Everton boss Howard Kendall,

would be interested.

Manchester United are also chasing a centre-back, but they are looking further down the scale at Chris Short, who plays for Fourth Division Scarborough.

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, is set to sign the 20-year-old in the next 48 hours following his impressive two-week trial.

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Scottish champions Glasgow Rangers are expected to tie up their purchase of Dutch international winger Peter Huijstra from Twente even sooner.

"Only one or two small details have to be fixed up," said Rangers boss Graeme Souness, who has had Huijstra on trial for the past 10 days.

Meanwhile, Arsenal

manager George Graham has targeted Bayern Munich striker Alan McInally as his next summer signing.

The Scotland international is reported to be available at around \$2 million.



The Football League on collision course

THE English Football League declared war on the Football Association by voting overwhelmingly for a return to a 22-club First Division.

The League defied FA advice to retain a 20-club top flight and League president Bill Fox even threatened a possible split from the FA if it did not sanction the change.

Only three clubs — Arsenal, Tottenham and Manchester United — voted against the motion.

Disappointed Arsenal vice-chairman David Dein said: "It is quite clear that the League are on a collision course with the FA.

"We want quality not quantity. If money is what it is all about why not have a 28 or 30-club First Division? We have to do what is best in the long term for football and we don't think this is it."

The idea put forward by Chelsea chairman Ken Bates at the League's annual meeting in June, but narrow defeat then — means that two clubs will be relegated from the First Division next season and four

promoted from Division Two.

No club will be relegated from Division Four, but one club will come up from the Vauxhall Conference, making a 93-club League for season 1991-92.

In 1991-92 the First Division will revert to three up, three down, with the Fourth Division system staying the same, bringing the League up to 94 clubs.

The FA has to vote on the changes, but Fox dismissed its objections: "As far as the League are concerned, we've voted for a 22-club First Division, regardless of what the FA think."

If the FA does not allow the alterations, Fox warned: "We would have to disassociate ourselves from the FA. I have no idea if that will happen.

"The international team is furnished by League clubs. Without the participation of the League in the FA Cup, it is a non-starter."

Medico Codesal leaves refereeing

THE Mexican referee who enraged Argentina by ordering a controversial penalty that gave West Germany the World Cup soccer championship says he is retiring.

The 39-year-old Edgardo Codesal says a man should retire exactly when he is at the top and not when he is asked to leave.

Fans of Argentina heaped insults on Codesal after he awarded the penalty that gave West Germany a 1-0 victory in the July 8 final in Rome.



Although retiring as a referee, Codesal, a gynaecologist who was born in Uruguay but became a Mexican citizen in 1981, says he will continue in soccer administration and will remain in medical practice.

Expansion arrives for Yugoslavia

YUGOSLAVIA's Federation expanded its First Division from 18 to 19 teams after a long dispute which began with a referee being hit by a beer can.

Sarajevo were relegated last season after opponents Dinamo Zagreb were awarded a 3-0 victory because the referee was struck by a beer can thrown from the stands. The game was abandoned at half time.

But at the end of the season, a special commission ruled that the match should be replayed and Sarajevo



won 1-0. The victory took them above Velez Mostar, who dropped into the Second Division instead.

Velez responded on the opening day of the new season last Saturday by refusing to play.

A hastily-called Federation meeting decided to let both Sarajevo and Mostar remain in the top division.

Attacking football paid big World Cup dividends

CONCLUDING ANALYSIS BY JERZY WRZOS Ph.D.

THERE was a surprisingly low average of goals scored from such popular and

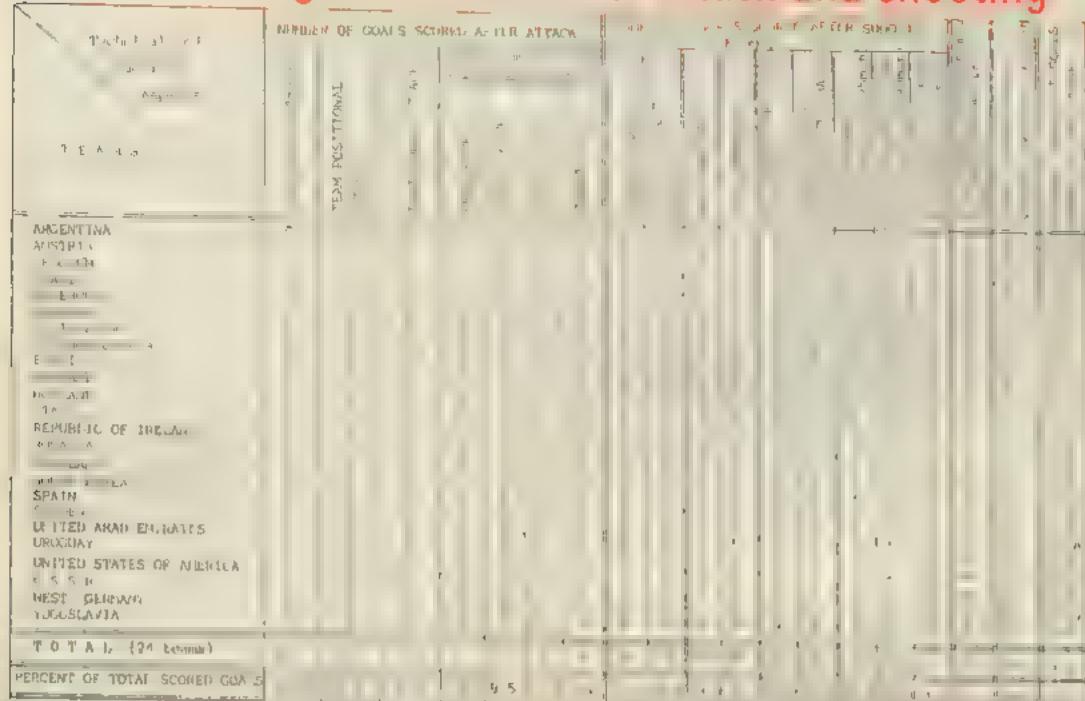
strong teams as Brazil 1.0, Holland 0.75 and Argentina 0.71.

On the basis of those

figures it is possible to see that the best trump card of the winners of World Cup '90, as well as the other best

set plays' • very effective in team quick attack • most effective in goal kicking from a dist-

Number of goals scored after attack and shooting



teams, is offensive play

In the offensive play of the German team it was possible, among others, to observe that it was:

- most effective in offensive play (15 goals)
- decidedly most effective with 'positional attack' (6 goals)
- most effective in offensive action in carrying out 'typical match situation' —

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ance (5 goals kicked from beyond penalty spots)

In analysing the skill

shooting the ball after one touch with the result of 10 goals

Germany's highest

of goal kicking, it should be noted that the German players executed the most difficult technique, that of swift kicking —

score of 10 goals in the second half (46-90 mins. play) confirms the fact

- Germans players were exceptionally well prepared physically
- They consistently carried out the proper tactical moves recommended by the coach for play in the second half

The exceptional effectiveness of team positional attack and tactical solutions in 'typical match situations' bears witness to the excellent co-ordination, co-operation and tactical discipline of the German

players in carrying out tactical moves in offensive action

For a true appraisal of the winning team of Italia '90, as well as of the other best teams (Italy, England, Argentina and so on), it would be necessary to carry out a wider analysis of technical and tactical elements, as well as an analysis of the issue of tactical technical defensive play.

Amongst all, West Germany (13 points) and Italy (12 points) were the best teams at World Cup 1990.

Results of FIFA World Cup 1990

TEAMS	First Final Round				Second Final Round				Semi Finals & Final Matches				TOTAL											
	Number of Games	Game Won	Draw	Loss	Point	Number of Games	Game Won	Draw	Loss	Point	Number of Games	Game Won	Draw	Loss	Point	Number of Games	Game Won	Draw	Loss	Point				
1. CZECHOSLOVAKIA	3	2	1	0	10-3	5	5	4	1	0	11	9	7	6	0	15-4	13	7	6	0	15-14			
2. ARGENTINA	3	1	1	1	3-2	3	5	3	1	1	12	7	7	4	1	2	5-1	9	7	4	2	5-4	9	
3. ITALY	3	3	0	0	4-0	6	5	5	0	0	12	7	7	6	0	1	10-2	12	7	6	0	10-2	12	
4. ENGLAND	3	1	2	0	2-1	4	5	3	2	3	8	7	7	3	2	2	8-6	9	7	3	2	8-6	9	
5. CZECHOSLOVAKIA	3	2	0	1	6-3	1	3	3	1	2	6	7	7	3	0	2	2-10	5	7	3	0	2	8-6	6
6. YUGOSLAVIA	3	2	0	4	6-5	4	3	3	0	2	6	7	7	3	0	2	8-6	6	7	3	0	2	8-6	6
7. BRAZIL	3	0	0	0	4-1	5	4	3	0	1	12	7	4	3	0	1	4-2	6	4	3	0	1	4-2	6
8. CAMEROON	3	2	0	1	3-5	4	5	3	0	2	8	7	3	0	2	7-9	6	7	3	0	2	7-9	6	
9. SPAIN	3	2	1	0	5-2	5	1	2	0	4	7	7	1	2	1	6-1	5	7	1	3	1	2-3	5	
10. REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	3	0	3	0	2-3	1	5	1	1	2	5	7	1	2	0	2-6	1	7	2	0	2	6-1	4	
11. BELGIUM	3	2	2	1	6-3	4	4	2	0	2	6	7	1	2	0	2-4	6	7	1	2	0	2-4	6	
12. COSTA RICA	3	2	0	1	3-2	4	4	2	0	2	6	7	1	1	1	2	4-1	3	4	1	1	2	4-1	3
13. ROMANIA	3	1	1	1	4-3	3	4	1	1	2	12	7	1	1	1	2	4-1	3	4	1	1	2	4-1	3
14. COLOMBIA	3	1	1	1	3-2	3	4	1	1	2	12	7	1	1	1	2	4-1	3	4	1	1	2	4-1	3
15. HOLLAND	3	0	3	0	2-2	3	1	0	3	2	4	7	0	3	1	3-4	3	7	0	3	1	3-4	3	
16. URUGUAY	3	1	1	1	2-3	3	4	1	1	2	5	7	1	1	2	2-5	3	7	1	1	2	2-5	3	
17. U.S.S.R	3	1	0	4	4-4	4	1	0	2	4	7	1	0	2	4-4	2	7	1	0	2	2-3	2		
18. 19. AUSTRIA	3	1	0	2	2-3	2	1	0	2	2-3	2	3	1	0	2	2-3	2	3	1	0	2	2-3	2	
20. SCOTLAND	3	1	0	2	2-3	2	0	2	1	2	4	7	0	2	1	1-2	2	7	0	2	1	1-2	2	
21. EGYPPT	3	0	2	1	1-2	2	0	0	3	6	7	0	0	3	3-6	0	3	0	0	3	1-6	0		
22. SWEDEN	3	0	0	3	1-6	0	0	0	3	2-8	0	3	0	0	3	2-8	0	3	0	0	3	2-11	0	
23. SOUTH KOREA	3	0	0	3	1-6	0	0	0	3	2-8	0	3	0	0	3	2-8	0	3	0	0	3	2-11	0	
24. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	3	0	0	3	2-8	0	0	0	3	2-11	0	0	0	0	3	2-11	0	0	0	0	3	2-11	0	

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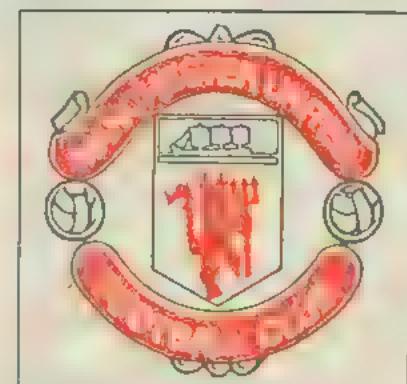
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Chit Chat... Chit Chat... Chit Chat

The continuing wet spell has delayed further work from taking place on the ground development at Austral Park, home of the Newcastle BHP Australians. More soil was delivered during early August but work on placement and leveling of earlier fill has not been completed. There is also a backlog of games at the Birmingham Gardens ground. Wallsend, the

NNSW 2nd Division club, are using the facility this season, the wet has caused games to be deferred. We could see Summer Soccer in Newcastle sooner than expected at this rate!

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Newcastle BHP Austral Soccer stalwart David Jones was also celebrating his birthday on August 4. Still playing with enthusiasm and maintaining

a high degree of fitness, he is currently playing in the back four. Some call him the elder statesman of the team, but Dave will have none of it. Judging by his form this year he still has a lot to contribute. Not wanting to give his age away, but it is safe to say he won't see 34 again.

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The Newcastle BHP Austral squad was anxious to secure the NSW State League results whilst they were in Fiji. It seemed that securing the results was a 'no go', but the team management telexed a report and a request for results to ASW. Writer John Economos answered the call and the scores were quickly made known to the party in the packed Hyatt Regency restaurant.

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PRESTON Makedonia have signed youth international Kris Trajanovski, one of the AIS stars who performed brilliantly on the Young Socceroos' recent tour of Asia.

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GEORGE Cross have signed a 23-year-old Scot, Derek Hunter, who was top scorer with Annabank in the Scottish junior leagues. Georgie also snared Troy Crane, a Queensland midfielder, from the AIS.

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Tony Pezzano, the former Apia-Leichhardt star, pounds the ball whilst turning out for ambitious Adelaide Hellas at Hindmarsh Stadium — Pic: JANUSZ KAMMA.

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Slater starts well

ROBBIE Slater has got off to a good start in France.

In the first game of the season for his Second Division side, Lens, the Socceroo striker was awarded five points out of a possible six in the prestigious FRANCE FOOTBALL ratings and was chosen in the Second Division "Team of the Week."



Robbie Slater

Lens beat La Roche/Yon in their season opener and though Slater did not score, he made the first goal.

In the second game of the season, Lens

SBS will telecast Australia's two matches against South Korea live from Seoul. The first game will be shown on 10.15pm on

Gascoigne joins BHP Austral

The headline is not what it seems, but it's a great signing anyway. Sue Gascoigne has joined BHP Austral as office administrator, replacing Cheryl Cleary who will be leaving for Europe at the end of August for a working holiday. Sue has spent some years in club administration at Speers Point RSL and Comsteel Bowling Clubs. BHP Austral are presently embarking on two of the most ambitious projects in their history, major improvements at Birmingham Gardens headquarters (near Wallsend) to both club and ground.

Add to this their push to be in the NSL in 1991/92, it is going to be a busy time all round.

With my experience I think I would be an asset to any club, and I would love to play soccer in Australia.

Clubs interested can contact me by air mail letter or preferably by phone.

lost 2-0 at Reims, with another good display from Slater, who rated four points.

Reims goalkeeper Pascal Rousseau saved a point-blank header from the Aussie to earn a five-point performance and in the last minute a brilliant cross from Slater was put in the net by Boli, but the goal was disallowed for a very dubious off-side.

Last weekend, Lens were beaten 1-0 at Angers, with Slater again chosen as one of his team's best players.

— LOU GAUTIER

Thursday, September 6 and the second on Sunday, September 9 at 4pm. Les Murray and John Warren will provide the commentary.

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I am very interested in coming to play soccer in Australia this coming season, either in the National League or with a top State League club.

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I have been very involved in goalkeeping coaching over the last four seasons, coaching young goalkeepers around the Wellington Region.

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Fernando Canellas receiving the Top Goal Scorer Award from Chief Supt Murray (SA Police) at the Australian and New Zealand Police Games in Adelaide.

Newcastle Austral's tenth year social

Austral United Soccer Club Limited, the licensed club that backs the NSW State League First Division team, celebrated its tenth year on Saturday August 11.

The club held a Diner/Dance to mark the occasion. Many members were disappointed as tickets for the night were sold long before the event.

Con Mitsos, president, and Rob Chenary, general manager of premier sponsor BHP Rod and Bar Products, cut the birthday cake prior to celebrations getting into full swing.

Club general manager Dave McQuire announced that in another decade the club would be able to accommodate those members who were unable to get seating on his occasion.

One encouraging feature of the evening was the high number of Junior Super League members who were among those enjoying themselves.

An ever increasing number of junior players are casting their eyes in the direction of this successful and ambitious club.

APIA WILL CARRY ON

BY KEITH ALLEN

mined to keep the ball rolling.

A number of keen followers have committed \$5,000 each, and approaches are being made to business interests in their district to help keep the flag flying.

Apia is believed to have already signed its 1990/91 NSL squad in readiness for the kick-off on October 5/7.



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"Buy a badge for Legacy" will be the cry of thousands of volunteer badge sellers throughout New South Wales on Legacy's Annual Badge Day, Friday, September 7.

This year, Sydney Legacy hopes to raise \$1 million from the sale of badges, and donations during Legacy Week.

The money raised by Sydney Legacy goes towards the care of some 21,700 widows and 700 children.

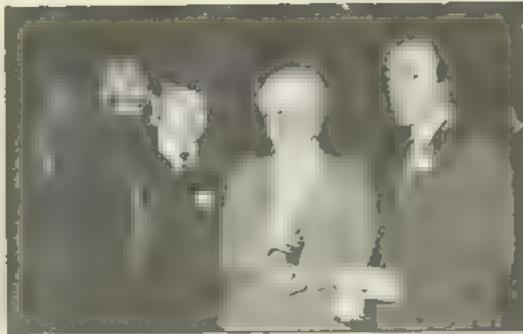
In excess of 80 of these children are primary school aged.

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Legacy also offers advice and a focus for personal contact and friendship.

On September 7

NSW PREMIER ENTERTAINS NSL GATHERING

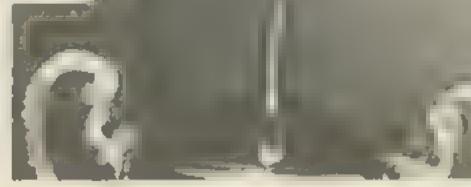


NICK GREINER AT THE ROSTRUM

Celebrations at State Office Block



Top left: Mr & Mrs Tony Balazsi (St George) with ASW's John Economos. Directly above: NSW Sports minister Bob Rowland Smith, Premier Greiner and Sam Papasavas (NSL).



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Sounds of revelry for NSL

From top right 1. ASF chairman John Constantine, flanked by State member (left) and NSL chairman Sam Papasavas (right). 2. The NSW Premier with parliamentary and NSL party. 3. Steve Calderan, Peter Katholos, Lawrie McKenna, Peter Thorne, Col Scott-Kemmis, Remo Nogorotto, Nick Papallo, Phil Whyte (member for Earlwood). 4. Sydney Olympic sponsor Ron Linton (Crisco), club chairman George Paschalis and Coach Mick Hickman with the Premier. 5. Mr Greiner addresses the assembled group.

Technical help for Aussie youth

FROM STEVE DARBY



Steve Darby — dare to be creative.

THE World Cup had many vivid memories, ranging from the magnificent goal of Roberto Baggio or the emotion of Paul Gascoigne at being booked for the second time through to the elegance and antics of Roger Milla.

However, what can we in Australia extract from the World Cup and apply to our game?

Tactical formation is probably the simplest initiative as a number of teams operated a 3-5-2 formation and this can be copied.

It is essential that coaches realise that their players must have both physical attributes and ability if they are given specific tasks.

An example of this would be a comparison between the craft of Andreas Brehme operating in the wide midfield position for Germany compared with the more artisan approach of England's Stuart Pearce.

Brehme looked not only quick but comfortable on the ball and knew what to do when he was in a crossing position.

Pearce, however, looked far happier when he was in a defensive destructive position rather than the creative role that position really is.

Coaches must not in the most simple form just convert their left-back into a wide midfield player and expect him to adapt but must be helped to adapt to new roles.

Another prominent feature of the World Cup was that all the best players, including defenders, were quick and had the ability to reproduce their speed throughout the game.

Classic examples of good professional

live match.

I admire the developmental youth coach who has the strength of belief in his values when he rotates the position of his players and risks defeat.

The ultimate question to be asked of the youth coach is what is his job?

Is it to win premierships or develop footballers modelled on the classic role models of Enzo Scifo, Lothar Matthaus or Michel?

Of course, it is easy to write about these long-term philosophies and far easier to have a safe reliable team playing 4-4-2 for 35 games a year.

If we are to continue to progress, we must dare to be creative and take risks.

As coaches we owe to our young players to extend and push them technically rather than just physically.

players who were not international standard due to their lack of speed were Aitken, Butcher and McMa-



Roger Milla

hon, whilst defenders like Baresi, Walker and Hadzibegic were outstanding due to their ability to get to the ball first and then constructively play it out of defence.

The lesson to Australia would seem to be that to create all-round footballers, it is essential that we do not categorise players as stoppers or fullbacks too early in their careers, and that we should encourage young players to be adaptable to all positions and to get lots of touches of the ball so they are comfortable with it.

This linked in with speed work would seem the way to go for the young Australian.

The characteristics that I have outlined of speed, tactical adaptability and feel of the ball do not come quickly and do not come purely through training sessions (often under poor lighting).

They are truly learnt when they are practised in a real competi-

Live SBS telecast for Man Utd — Liverpool

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ON Saturday night SBS-TV will telecast live the 82nd Charity Shield, traditionally the curtain-raiser for the English football season, direct from Wembley Stadium at 11.50pm EST.



Ace commentator Martin Tyler

Commentary will again be done by the highly articulate, honey-voiced World Cup specialist, Martin Tyler.

Liverpool (League champions) clash with Manchester United (FA Cup winners).

The Shield brings together England's two biggest clubs, both managed by Scots, Kenny Dalglish and Alex Ferguson.

The first Shield was played back in 1908 when United crushed Queens Park Rangers 4-0 in a replay following an initial 1-1 draw.

Manchester United won the Shield in 1908, 56, 57, 65, 67, and 1983 beating Liverpool 2-0.

In 1965 and 67 however, Manchester United were split-holders of the Shield when they drew with Liverpool (2-2) and Spurs (3-3).

Each club was allowed to hold the Shield for six months.

Liverpool split the Shield in 1964 when they drew 2-2 with

Bobby Moore's West Ham.

Since then they won it in 1966, 74, 76, 77 (together with Manchester United (0-0), 79, 80, 82, 86 (together with Everton 1-1), 88 and last year against Arsenal.

The Charity Shield these days in the event of a draw is decided by the dreaded penalty shoot-out rather than permit split-holders.

Presenting the exclusive telecast for SBS-TV will be Les Murray joined on the studio panel with former Socceroo captains, John Warren and Charlie Yanks.

JUNIOR CAMP

THE Soccer Federations of NSW should keep a close watch on the standard of coaching for schoolchildren in the various private camps arranged for holiday periods.

My experience makes me wonder about them.

They should cover the needs of individual children, rather than giving generalised coaching.

Using name players after does not help the quality of the coaching.

The quality of food and standard of supervision can often be upgraded.

Some "coaches" lack discipline — and their language does not fit them to handle youngsters.

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Teenage poser for Saints

BY TED SIMMONS OF AAP

FIVE teenagers are preparing a king-size headache for St George coach Frank Arok as the starting time gets closer for the second National League summer season.

The quintet, Adam Ponic, Blago Mihcevic, Eddie Haragli, Shaun Freestone and Zoki Adioski, are members of the St George youth team which is currently equal second in the NSW State League and only one point behind leader Wollongong Macedonia.

Arok and former Saints striker Dez Marton are coaching the team with most of the players coming from the St George apprentice development scheme.

"This is basically last year's Under 19 team with the addition of the apprentices who

came into the club when we began the scheme nearly a year ago," said St George president Tony Balazsi.

"Originally, we told the team not to worry about winning or losing because we wanted to produce players for the next national league.

"But they have progressed so well in the second half of the season that they now want the State title.

"Irrespective of their finishing position, they are producing a style of play and commitment which is posing a challenge to last season's first team players."

Balazsi rated Argentine striker Osvaldo El Ali as the biggest bonus for the club and a splendid example for the younger players.

El Ali, who formerly played with Marconi, was snapped up last

season by St George and is under a long-term contract with the Saints.

"He is creating and scoring goals and will play a major role in the summer season," said Balazsi.

El Ali has worked with and encouraged Freestone, who is scoring almost a goal a game, fellow-striker Adioski, midfielders Haragli and Proci and defender Mihcevic.

The 15 players in the apprentice scheme train twice a day, four days a week under Marton and Arok.

Balazsi said the club is also involved in a series of improvements to St George Stadium and most of them will be finished by October.

They include parking for 1,000 cars and upgraded safety procedures with other areas included in long range plans.

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AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY — AUGUST 15, 1990

Bleiberg watches Queensland scene

BY GREG RUSSELL



Miron Bleiberg . . . Brisbane resident.

LEADING clubs

Pine Rivers and Brisbane City are set to come under the eye of former top Melbourne coach Miron Bleiberg, who has moved to Queensland.

Bleiberg, an ex Melbourne Croatia and Heidelberg National League coach, will move into northside suburb Chelmsford.

Rivers and City will be his two closest major clubs.

"I am interested to

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

THE NSW women's squad will play a visiting US side at Valentine Park, Parklea.

The match is scheduled for tomorrow (Thursday) at 7pm.

There is no doubt about the standard of the visitors, who represent St Mary's College, Moraga Valley, California.

St Mary's were the NAIA national champions in 1984 and 1986, and in 1988 were NCAA Division 1 qualifiers.

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* The ACT women's senior squad to compete in the national championships in Sydney from September 16 to 22 will be one of the strongest in recent times, coach Jim Gordon predicts.

The squad is: Michelle Beresford, Jenny Skorupa, Cathy Grassick, Jonelle Lancashire, Donna O'Brien (Weston Creek), Jenny Jackson, Alex Focken, Julie Anderson, Sophia Mathas (Juventus), Debbie Corcoran, Katriana Alexander, Carmel Carter (Canberra City Concordia), Mandy Langford (Belconnen United), Heather Burne (Stormbirds), Diane Simpson (Tuggeranong United), Angela Ianotta (Albury City). Coach, Jim Gordon; manager, Cathy McCullum; third official, Glenda Hall.

— GRAHAM COOKE

watch both clubs," Bleiberg said.

"Naturally I would like to get involved in Queensland soccer at the top level and I would like to be involved in a Brisbane team in the National League," he said.

But Bleiberg's ambitions are likely to be on hold for a while at least.

He is awaiting the birth of his first child and says his wife and the new baby come before football.

Bleiberg is one of the best credentialled coaches to come to Queensland for some time.

The 35-year-old Israeli enjoyed sporadic success with Melbourne Croatia in the NSL and led the side to a Dockerty Cup and Ansett Shield win in Victoria.

In 1987 he saved Polonia from relegation in the State League, then steered them to the Championship the following season.

He switched to Croydon City in 1988 and clinched the State League-Cup double.

His most recent appointment was at Heidelberg late in 1989 when he nearly saved them from relegation back to the State League.

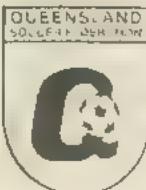
His move north has sparked his enthusiasm and it would not surprise to see Bleiberg become involved by next season.

CASEY LEAVES

CASEY De Bruin, highly successful coach of Wollongong Macedonia in the NSW State League, will hang up his coaching boots at the end of the current season.

He will be retiring from coaching, regardless of whether the club gains a spot in the National League.

De Bruin runs a printing contracting business and is finding that he has insufficient time to attend to his trade — KEITH GILMOUR



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Queensland's own beer



Mitchell aids battlers Mt Gravatt



BILLY WILLIAMSON

NEW Mount Gravatt coach Dick Mitchell is enjoying the heat after jumping from the frypan into the fire.

Six weeks ago Mitchell left O'Callaghan Park, where North Star were battling to retain the premiership and took over at Dittmer Park where the Hawks were battling relegation.

Despite the pressure and gloom which has weighed on the Hawks shoulders all season Mitchell has been able to achieve results culminating in a shock 3-0 defeat of his former club.

Survival in the XXXX League now looks a gettable chance for the former State League champions, but Mitchell refuses to go any further than his side's next game.

"We have to look at each match separately and decide how we can win it," he said. "We can't afford to talk about how many games we need to win or how many other teams have to lose."

"I've told the team we can't keep expecting other sides to lose. We have to do something positive ourselves."

Although many were surprised that Mitchell would leave the successful North Star club where he was assistant to player-coach Billy Williamson, Mitchell, who has a level 3 certificate, says he has no regrets about going out on his own.

"It was a hard decision, but I'm glad I made it," he said.

"I was always happy

CLAYTON KOCH OFFER

A \$3,000 offer from Sunshine George Cross for Queensland teenage sensation Clayton Koch was dismissed as laughable by his club Pine Rivers.

Koch, 18, who this season became the second youngest player to represent the state at full level and was drafted into Eddie Thomson's preliminary Olympic squad, is the hottest property to come out of Queensland since Frank Farina.

Pine Rivers president Lance Siedofsky said the club was insulted by the lowly offer from the Melbourne club.

"It's laughable that they could offer such a small amount for a state player," he said. "I get the impression they think we're from the backwoods."

Siedofsky said Sunshine officials had rejected a loan arrangement, but he said Rivers would not enter any arrangement unless it was under the best terms for Koch, who has played with the club since juniors.

His brother John, a

"It was a matter of keeping things simple," he said.

"It was obvious the confidence of the side had dropped and when that happens good players are turned into ordinary ones."

"I just looked to boost their confidence and the results followed."

It also is no coincidence that Mount Gravatt's form revival began when midfielder Martin Kirsopp was signed back from Lions after an injury-plagued two seasons at Richlands.

Kirsopp has battled back from two serious knee injuries and is among the Hawks who have regained their confidence.

"Martin is a class player with a great attitude," Mitchell said. "All he is lacking is match fitness."

Mitchell also paid credit to the input of former player-coach Alan Niven.

"He has been great to work with and has helped enormously. But all the lads have worked hard and deserve success. Survival is there if we want it," he said.

former young Socceroo is now at Sydney Olympic.

"Our main concern is that Sunshine George Cross looks after Clayton on and off the park," Siedofsky said.

"We are not looking to make money from selling him, we just want the best deal for the player."

Former Socceroo Col Bennett is among many leading Queensland soccer identities who have urged Koch to look around before jumping at the Sunshine offer.

"Koch cannot just accept the offer nor his club accept the miserly transfer fee offered to them by this club," Bennett wrote in his weekly column.

"It is always a tough decision for a young player, trying to get into an NSL team and possibly the Olympic squad, to say no to these offers."

"But perhaps a self-paid trip to Sydney and a phone call to all the Sydney NSL clubs could see him earn a trial with a higher profile club and perhaps a better chance of a contract with a better outfit."

— GREG RUSSELL

SUNSHINE COAST'S LIGHTNING TROPHY



Robbie Glover and Brian DeCourcy from Buderim Wanderers receive the Ansett NSW Lightning Premiership trophy from Sunshine Coast manager of Ansett NSW Ian Sara. Buderim doused rivals Beegees 1-0 in the inaugural event, having snuck into the final on a penalty shootout over Kawana at Maroochydore.

Competing were Sunshine Coast First Division teams Beegees, Buderim, Caloundra, Kawana, Maroochydore and Woombye.

The Ansett sponsorship arrangements provide a six day holiday for two in conjunction with the Coral Coast Resort, Cairns, and will be used as a fundraiser for all Sunshine Coast clubs.

Lions tread softly

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND's only hope of gaining a place in the National League next year — XXXX League premiers — elect Brisbane Lions — have strangely gone quiet on the idea.

Lions are in an undesirable position at the top of Queensland's premier competition and club officials a month ago gave an undertaking that they would contest the promotion play-offs against the Victorian and South Australian premiers.

But that was before the Australian Soccer Federation last week adopted the Bradley Report in total.

The report calls for the inclusion of a Queensland team in the national competition in the summer of 1991.

The dilemma now facing Lions is what would happen if they get into the NSL this year? Would the club be automatically relegated next season to make way for the "united" Queensland side?

Would they get any financial compensation if they have to hand over the place?

Or would they find themselves as a club side in competition with the Federation backed United team?

Lions officials are keeping tight-lipped on the direction they will take over the next few months.

Understandably they are probably uncertain.

Southern NSL clubs already have begun sniffing at the Lions squad, with Nick Meredith gaining an trial offer from Marconi.

If Lions do not honor their commitment to go NSL they risk losing the cream of the team and would find themselves among the also-rans in next year's XXXX League.

Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk, who helped steer the club into the inaugural Philips League in 1977, through nine years of National League and again when they won promotion back into the top flight for one season in 1987, is cautious.

"When you have been involved in soccer as long as I have, you learn not to make statements until everything is covered," he said.

As soon as we have won the premiership our committee will sit down and discuss all the alternatives.

Oudendyk said he personally considered a United entry as Queensland's best chance of competing in the national league, but also believed Queensland could not

afford to stay out of the top competition for much longer.

Each season we're out of the national league, the harder it will be to get back in," he said.

Which Brisbane Lions go, it will be a difficult decision for the club and the code in Queensland.

AMPOL CUP FINAL

BY PAT MCERLEAN

Northern Star will be itching to make it two wins in a row as they take on Eastern Suburbs this weekend in the Ampol Cup Final.

If North Star are successful, it will be the second time they won back to back Ampol Cup Finals. North Star last put two cup wins together back in 1984-85.

Eastern Suburbs will have other ideas, their success in the 1990 Brisbane XXXX League has been consistent in the last six fixture matches, although in last week's catch up game Pine Rivers defeated Eastern Suburbs 4-1.

Eastern Suburbs Coach Phil Thompson will obviously put the defeat to great advantage as they chase their first Ampol Cup.

The big interest in the XXXX League Competition is which teams will be relegated.

Two teams will be relegated at the end of the 1990 season and the three in the danger zone are Grange Thistle, Brisbane Olympic and Mt Gravatt. Grange Thistle are a club which was established 70 years ago and have been the backbone of Brisbane and Queensland soccer.

Brisbane Olympic is filled with spirit and tradition while Mt Gravatt are a club who have won the top awards.

These three clubs play a Cup Final every week until the picture becomes clear.

Star may quit AdCity

BY GRAHAM COOKE

FORMER Red Star Belgrade sweeper Milan Ivanovich is in dispute with Adelaide City and may have to find another club or return to Yugoslavia.

These dramatic developments surfaced when City president Charlie Caruso said that Ivanovich had changed his mind about accepting an earlier offer to renew his contract for the 1990-91 NSL summer season.

"I told Ivanovich that my original offer stands and if that is not satisfactory then he can either find himself another club or return to Yugoslavia," Mr Caruso said.

Ivanovich is in Australia on a two-year visa, which is due to expire in October.

Ivanovich joined City from Red Star in February 1989 and won City's Players' Player of the Year award in his first season in Australia's Quit National Soccer League.

The first hint of a rift between Ivanovich and City occurred in June this year when the skilful defender sought and was granted permission to speak with Adelaide Hellas.

Hellas president Michael Aronis and the player failed to agree on terms, so Ivanovich resumed discussion with Adelaide City.

It cost City \$45,000 to secure Ivanovich from Red Star and City expects to recoup most of that figure should he join another NSL club.

Meanwhile, City coach Zoran Matic has failed to secure young Sydney Olympic defender John Koch but is continuing negotiations with other interstate players.

"Koch was interested in joining us but he's just bought a home unit in Sydney and is looking to find another club there," Matic said.

CONWAY ON TOP

FLAME-haired defender Dave Conway has won USC Lion's Player of the Year award from Danny Maranyon and John Klein.

Ex-Whyalla man Conway polled 37 votes to Maranyon's 35, with Klein scoring 33.

Andrew Borghetto was top scorer with nine league and cup strikes.

Top reserve player was Steve McNaughton from Paul Cavallin while Maurice Gallina won the best Youth award from Ilya Bychkov and Danny Trotano.

Fonz Laudato was the leading reserve scorer with seven goals and Joe Barila top youth team marksman with 19 goals.



Adelaide City's Milan Ivanovich, pictured here with team-mates Paul Shillsbeer and Charlie Villani in last season's NSL game against Sunshine Coast George Cross, is in dispute with the club and could well be leaving — JANUSZ KAMMA photo.

ASF rejects Scot

ADELAIDE Hellas has received a "red card" from the Australian Soccer Federation over its bid to import Scottish midfielder Gardner Spiers from Airdrieonians.

ASF officials have informed the club that Spiers, an attacking midfielder, is not acceptable as an import for the Quit National Soccer League.

Hellas captain Alby Kidd said yesterday he was disappointed by the ASF ruling.

"I played against Spiers when he was at St Mirren and I recommended him to the club because I'm convinced he would be a success in the NSL."

"I know what he's capable of doing and before I spoke for him I checked on his fitness with his club manager, Jimmy Bone."

Now registered with Airdrie, Spiers played for St Mirren in 1979 and was loaned to Kilmarnock and Dunfermline in 1989.

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Despite the setback, Hellas is negotiating for other

Scottish players from East Fife, Hamilton and Clyde.

Hellas wants to scrap playoffs

BY ALAN COOKE

ADELAIDE Hellas has made an impassioned plea to be granted entry to the Quit National Soccer League in October without having to take part in the pre-season play-offs.

Club president Michael Aronis made the request on Thursday to the Australian Soccer Federation and the NSL and he also sought the support of the Consulate General of Greece, Dionyssios Coundoureas.

Foundation SA State League champion Hellas believes it unfair that it should have to rush through a series of home-and-away play-offs against the eventual champion clubs from Victoria and Queensland.

Adelaide Hellas has recommended that the criteria of the independent Bradley Report on the future of soccer should be implemented im-

mediately.

"Adelaide Hellas Soccer Club represents the Greek name in soccer in South Australia and on behalf of the Greek community of South Australia we want to be part of the NSL for this coming season," Mr Aronis said.

Mr Aronis has suggested that the Bradley recommendation of a 16-team NSL for the 1991-92 season with two representatives from Adelaide, be brought forward to the coming season.

A foundation NSL member, Adelaide Hellas, which won the NSL championship in 1978, has the necessary criteria to again be a national force; excellent crowd support, a fine home ground with lighting (Hindmarsh Stadium) and it recently built a new function centre and clubroom in the city.

It also has a full time administration and development officer, Jim Dielos, and has a strong junior section.

Danny Serena fills Tony Lemezina's shoes

FROM GRAHAM COOKE

MONTHS of worry and frustration has ended for Canberra Croatia striker Danny Serena.

With both Croatia and Sydney Olympic still settling into their recent NSW State League game at the St George Stadium, Ray Junna initiated a Canberra attack on the right.

"His cross missed three or four people," Serena said.

"Zoran Pratezina took a swipe at the ball and that almost threw me because I thought he'd put it away, but it kept on coming to me at the back post and I tapped it in."

Not the most spectacular goal this man has scored in over a decade in ACT senior football, but one he is likely to remember for a long time.

Serena, the man who came to Croatia at the beginning of the season for one last shot at the big time, who spent most weekends since watching others cement their places in a successful side, had achieved the breakthrough.

As it often is the case in sport, the opportunity came when it was least expected, just when the striking partnership of Alan Reis and Tony Lemezina seemed unassailable after the 8-1 thrashing of Marconi.

TOM SERMANNI
Suddenly Lemezina was gone and coach Tom Sermanni had no hesitation in giving Serena the chance to step straight into the side.

"It's been a long wait, and I was pretty nervous," the former Juventus ACT first-division star admitted.

"Tom said before the game that I had to relax and be confident.

"There's those two away matches at Newcastle and Avala which a lot of people at the club think will make or break our promotion chances.

"I'm confident providing the current squad stays reasonably free of injuries."

And how does Serena, so often the bane of Croatia in the days when he played for Juventus in the ACT League, enjoy wearing the red, white and blue colours?



ALAN REIS

"I think it would have been different if I'd been playing for Croatia against my old mates at Juventus, but I came here because I wanted a higher standard of soccer and the coach thought I would do the job," he said.

And no one would be happier than Danny Serena if his quest ended in him playing at the highest level of Australian soccer — in the Quit National League this summer.

Australs juniors shine

BHP Australs have four teams playing in the NNSW State Super League Competition, 13s 14s 15s and 17s.

All age groups look like making the semi-finals later this month.

This is the first step in the Austral's youth policy.

They will be working closely with the NNSWF in the future especially when NSL returns to Newcastle.

Congratulations go to the following boys on their outstanding performance so far this year. Under 13s: Ben Moody, Shayne Brown. Under 14s: Troy Dewhurst, Michael Hodgson. Under 15s: Peter Roberti, Scott Aspinall, Troy Brown, Derek Lockhart.

They all made the State Age Representative teams for 1990.

The 15s have already played. The 13s play in Darwin and the 14s in Launceston, Tasmania later this year.

Congratulations also go to Rudi Sporer and Chuck Cooper, they will be in charge of the 14s as they head off to the ap-

ACT BRIEFS

BY GRAHAM COOKE

• While Juventus, Belconnen United and Canberra City Concordia look certain to decide the ACT League championship between them, the team which has been showing the most consistent form in recent weeks is the University of Canberra.

Little more than a month ago the reigning champion seemed doomed to end the season in the lower reaches of the competition — its form was patchy and there were rumours several of its star players were looking for new clubs.

Now, with five wins and a draw in its last six games, it has reached the final of the Federation Cup and has forced its way back into top-four contention.

And that's bad news for the Ampol Cup aspirations of the three leaders, given University coach Ian Shaw's burning ambition to add that trophy to the club's impressive list of successes in recent seasons.

"I don't want to blow my own trumpet, but I think my return from injury has had a steady effect on the team," midfielder Shaw says. "But there's a number of other factors.

"Moving Robbie Heidemann from sweeper to the midfield has been beneficial, while Alan Rundle and Phil Slater are newcomers who have made a contribution.

"But the return of Joe Minello to the attack is a key element. He's a better player now — not quite as fast, but with a superb football brain.

"I think we're good enough to cause quite a few upsets before the end of the season."

AIS for Asia tour

THE AUSTRALIAN Institute of Sport's preparations for the summer National Youth League season have begun with the latest intake of new players.

Assistant coach Steve O'Connor says the squad will be moving towards match fitness with a series of games against NSW State League teams which have the bye in their competition.

"Those games will continue until our next tour — to Hong Kong and Malaysia — beginning on September 14," he said.

"We'll be back just in time for the start of the Youth League season."

— GRAHAM COOKE

ACT LEAGUE

Belconnen United 1 Canberra Croatia 0, University of Canberra 1, Canberra City Concordia 1, Weston Creek v Juventus, Defence Academy v Tuggeranong United — postponed.

Deferred game. Tuggeranong United 1 Canberra City Concordia 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	16	10	4	2	37	15	24
Belconnen Utd	17	10	4	3	34	19	24
C. City Con.	17	10	3	4	38	22	23
Uni of Can.	17	7	5	5	37	31	19
Tuggeranong	16	6	6	4	34	23	18
Can. Croatia	17	5	0	9	32	27	16
Weston Creek	16	2	3	11	15	38	7
Defence Acad	17	0	1	15	5	6	1



Great Danish, UK tour for NNSW U16s

FROM DAVID H. BRADY

AN Under 16 Northern NSW representative team has just completed its tour of the UK and Europe, culminating in its performances in the Dana Cup, in Denmark, reputedly one of the top two youth soccer tournaments in the world.

This is the first Australian team ever to compete in the Dana Cup, which hosted 790 teams from 43 countries.

The Northern side's tour commenced in London with a game against the Tottenham Hotspur Youth Team (17 to 18 years old signed apprentices), a mere 16 hours after completing a 44 hour epic journey from Newcastle and the game was played in the middle of the day in 30° heat.



Added to this, the Tottenham side had the services of the legendary Ray Clemence, ex-England international, due to an injury to their normal keeper.

The match was played over three 30-minute thirds, with Clemence being called upon to make many fine saves, with one effort being cleared off the line by a defence.

At the end of normal time the Northern NSW lads had shown exceptional skill and commitment and had the Spurs team under extreme pressure for long periods, even though they were down 1-0.

The scoreline ended up 3-0 when the team tired in the oppressive conditions in the final period.

The Spurs coaches, including Pat Holland, former West Ham star player, were particu-

ly impressed and gave high praise to the team for their skill and organized play.

The second game on tour was against an Under 17 regional representative side from the USA.

This game was played 24 hours after the Spurs game, the Northern lads being very much stronger and fresher and the game resulted in a crushing 6-0 victory.

During their stay in London the Australian youngsters came under the watchful eye of Bill Schipwright, the leading FA football coach and Director of the Government-funded and First and Second Division Club-funded Youth Training Scheme.

Mr Schipwright expressed great surprise at the skills and play-making abilities of the team and singled out some lads whom he would be prepared to recommend for trials with three leading UK First Division Clubs.

The team's base was at the University of London, Royal Holloway College sporting complex, which hosts youth teams from all over the world.

It was stated by Mr Schipwright that this was the best team and also the most disciplined group of young people ever to pass through the College.

Following the UK segment of the tour the team travelled by ferry to Esbjerg, in Denmark, a trip lasting 19 hours, in which all the boys were violently seasick.

They then had an immediate five-hour bus trip to Hjorring, arriving just in time to assemble for, and lead, a march by over 15,000 athletes through the town to the main soccer stadium.

On the announcement of the team entering the stadium the large crowd broke into spontaneous applause, and there were many congratulations about the team's professional

dress and presence.

Next day the team played its first game in mid-morning, beating Vestrstrand I.F., Norway, 10-0.

All players looked sharp and the team was immediately installed as co-favourite for the U16 title.

There were 143 teams in the U16 division.

The second game was played against Haifa, an Israeli team which contained six of Israel's national youth team.

This was an exciting game, with end-to-end football. The final score, 1-0 to NNSW.

This did not depict the dominance of the NSW team over the Israelis.

The Israelis did not have one clear chance in the entire match.

It was after the game that the team gained the reputation of being 'the excitement team' because of their strong, flowing style of play.

The next game was against Bergen, again from Norway.

This was a hard-fought game under tiring, heat-sapping conditions.

All the games were played under these conditions and this made it difficult for NNSW coming out of an extremely cold domestic winter. The result was 1-0 to NNSW.

This ensured NNSW was top of its group with a 3 win/no loss and a 12-0 aggregate scoreline.

The first game of the Finals series was against Jevnaker I.V., yet another Norwegian team.

These lads were big, fast and hard, but NNSW played brilliantly to record a 4-0 win.

The fast, flowing, creative play of NNSW completely overwhelmed the opposition.

Next the team played FANA, a Norwegian team with 4 national youth team players. Again, NNSW played brilliant, free-flowing football to completely outclass the opposition.

This meant that the team was now in the final 16 round.

Next morning the NNSW team played NHB of Notre Dame, recording a 3-0 victory. This was the hottest day of the tournament, with the temperature exceeding 35 degrees.

At 12.20pm on the same day they played KISA, yet again a Norwegian team, boasting eight national youth team players.

This was a hard-fought, frustrating game in which NNSW created 11 clear chances, hitting the crossbar with a superb 30 metre drive which almost broke the bar.

Two shots hit the post and one was cleared from under the crossbar, which was thought

NORTHERN NSW DANA CUP TEAM IN DENMARK



AUSTRALIAN 1990 NORTHERN N.S.W. U/16 INVITATION TEAM

Back Row: Kerry Ross, Manager, Mathew Griffin, Adam Sanderson, Jeffrey Mullard, Ben Roper, Rocco De Grandis, Murray Ross, David Brady (Coach).
Front Row: Steven Kacev, Nicholas Overkov, Craig Green, Darren Lang, Jon Brady, Ben Lane, George Safouris, Michael Cooper.
Inset: Geoff Callinan

by spectators to have crossed the line.

In addition there were five blatant handballs in the penalty box by KISA, plus one of the NSW players broke through and was ten metres clear of the defence with only the goalkeeper to beat.

He was brought back by the referee and given a free kick for an infringement which occurred five movements earlier.

With 12 minutes left to play KISA scrambled a goal against the run of play from a mis-hit shot, which dribbled into goal and was one of only two attacking dangers by them in the game.

NNSW fought back strongly and pressured KISA mercilessly but unfortunately without success.

The dream, which had been a magnificent obsession till that time, had ended.

The coach of the KISA team admitted afterwards that the better team had lost and that NNSW were a 5-goal better team than this.

This defeat meant that NNSW finished 5th with a far superior goal average out of the previously stated 143 teams. Truly a creditable performance.

The KISA team meanwhile won the semi-final, advancing to the final to meet the very strong Bolivian National Youth Team from the Bolivian Academy of Sport, losing 3-0.

On the last night of the tournament three teams were specially chosen by the Dana Cup Committee to attend an official dinner hosted by the said Committee.

The NNSW team was one of those chosen.

In nine consecutive games opposition teams generated a mere 4 possible scoring shots on the NNSW goal; further, in the matches NNSW scored an amaz-

ing 33 goals with only a solitary goal scored against.

Following the Dana Cup the NNSW team played the strong F.C. Bronby Under 16 Youth team, defeating them 5-0.

F.C. Bronby, being the leading Danish First Division team, has seven national team players in its First Division team and is con-

dered strong in all youth teams. The Bronby Youth Director of Coaching, Holger Nielsen, admitted afterwards that the NNSW team was strong enough to play their Under 18 youth team and also expressed interest in some of the NNSW players should they wish to make a move to Denmark.

Geoff Callinan

F.C. Bronby pays first team players between \$380,000 and \$450,000 per annum.

It was fairly stated that the NNSW team is one of the best youth teams to represent Australia overseas.

Their behaviour, both on and off the park was exemplary, their soccer creative, skilful and dynamic.

COMMENTS AND STATISTICS

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must be a national youth team."

• "Your soccer is so brilliant. Why don't you come over here more often?"

• "They are so good and they keep their mouths shut when decisions go against them."

• "English boys play a lot more football but they still don't have the same skill level as your team."

• "How do you get 16 year old boys to behave like that? They are a credit to you."

Sven Eric Jensen (Dana Cup Organiser)

— "Never in the history of the Dana Cup has a team been as well presented, especially in the march."

Never has a team been as well mannered or polite.

I was most impressed by the way you all went everywhere as a group, always dressed smartly.

We were all very impressed and surprised

at your high level of skill and we didn't realise that Australian soccer had improved so much."

Heather Reid, national executive director, Australian Women's Soccer Federation —

"I've been with quite a few touring teams over the years and this was the most professional, disciplined, well organised and behaved team I've seen."

The team played brilliantly, with a free-flowing, highly skilled, well organised style.

They did Australia proud."

TOUR SCORERS:

NAME	ELIGIBLE AGE GROUP	POSITION
Geoff Callinan	U/15	Keeper
Jeff Mullard	U/16	Defender
Nick Overkov	U/16	Defender
Murray Ross	U/16	Defender
Adam Sanderson	U/16	Defender
Darren Lang	U/16	Midfield
Mathew Griffin	U/16	Midfield
Rocco De Grandis	U/16	Midfield
Jon Brady	U/15	Midfield
Steven Kacev	U/16	Midfield
George Safouris	U/16	Midfield
Benn Lane	U/16	Midfield
Own Goal	U/16	Midfield

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Craig Green	U/16	Midfield
Ben Roper	U/16	Midfield
Michael Cooper	U/16	Midfield

SUTHERLAND SHIRE JUNIOR SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

REPRESENTATIVE COACHES

Applications are invited in writing stating qualifications and experience addressed to:

The Secretary, SSJSFA, PO Box 188, GYMEA 2227.

Applications close Monday August 27, 1990



"Shark" project to catch local players interest

IN a joint venture, combining the NSW Amateur Schools plan and members of Sutherland State League club, many local primary schools in the Sutherland Association are currently receiving soccer instruction from top representative players.

In a move that precedes the recommendations set out in the Bradley Report in regard to schools development, Sutherland players have volunteered their time to assist in the promotion of soccer at the local level.

The aim of associations that do have a soccer side in the State League or NSL competitions must be to establish a base of district support that will provide spectators for their games and possibly future players for the club.

The two weeks of soccer clinics in primary schools, which began on Monday and continue until Friday August 24, will allow young children to meet and work with players of a very high standard.

With the assistance of the NSWASF and their field officers the amount of schools that a combined effort can visit will increase to 18 over the fortnight.

13/8	Grays Point Public	9.30-10.50
13/8	Bundeena Public	2.00-3.20
14/8	Lilli Pilli Public	2.00-3.00
15/8	Kareela Public	Afternoon
16/8	Como West Public	Afternoon
17/8	Taren Point Public	2.00-3.20
20/8	Woronora Public	9.45-11.00
20/8	Bonnet Bay Public	1.45-3.00
21/8	Sutherland Public	10.30-12.00
21/8	Yarrawarrah Public	2.00-3.20
22/8	Jannali Boys High	10.30-12.00
22/8	Sylvania Public	1.30-3.00
23/8	Gymea Bay Public	11.00-12.30
23/8	Burraneer Bay Public	Afternoon
24/8	Lotus Public	2.00-3.30

GLADESVILLE-HORNSBY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB



THE COACHES FOR 1991

G.H.A.F.C. seeks applications for the following coaching positions.

- Under 11, 12 Metropolitan representatives
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- We are a progressive club with brand new facilities at our home ground — Christie Park.
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For further information —
Phone Ian MacLennan

869 7582

Applications in writing advising qualifications and experience will be received until 31.8.90

and should be sent to:

The Secretary
G.H.A.F.C.

13 Yangalla Street,

MARSFIELD 2122

Brisbane's ISSA Cup

reaches its climax

PERRY Park Brisbane was the venue on Wednesday, August 1 for the Independent Schools Soccer Association Cup semi-finals.

After two rounds of matches in both the Under 14 and Open divisions the strongest GPS and TAS schools had won through to a showdown for a place in the final.

In the first Under 14 semi-final, Brisbane Grammar and St Paul's finished level at 3 all but Grammar eventually won through 4-3 on penalties.

It was a very entertaining match with the equalizer in the final minute of normal time.

As in Italy during the World Cup, penalty shoot-outs have become common fare in this competition.

The other match was more clear cut, with St Laurence's College running out comfortable winners over Redeemer Lutheran College to the tune of 3-1.

All teams in this grade played open, attacking soccer and showed a refreshing will to win.

Both matches in the Open grade were very close and hard fought encounters.

Neither Villanova nor Redeemer could break through solid defences during normal time and finished nil all.

The shoot-out went Villa's way 4-2, much to the relief of their supporters and coaching staff.

Brisbane Grammar and St Paul's clashed in the second match which

proved to be a see-sawing affair.

St Paul's struck first but were 2-1 down at half-time only to come back strongly in the second half and eventually run out 3-2 winners.

The Association's popular knock-out competition reaches its climax at Perry Park on the evening of Wednesday August 22.

With four different schools reaching the final stage, the competition for independent schools in the Brisbane region will have a truly representative flavour.

The Under 14 match between St Laurence's and Brisbane Grammar will kick off at 5pm followed by the Open final between Villanova and St Paul's.

Supporters from all schools can expect some high quality, entertaining schoolboy soccer.

NNSW v NSW

On its return the team drew 2-2 with the U/16 NSW team coached by David Lee, who it must be stressed, carried all before them at the recently held National Youth Identification Championships in Sydney.

This was truly a magnificent effort and an exciting game. Further, the team has improved greatly and could, with the benefit of the recent tournament and overseas experience, be a little above the winners of the National Identification Championships.

TURNER CUP REGIONAL WINNERS



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL LEWISHAM: Turner Cup squad: Front Row L to R: Josip Stoikovic, Vince Foti, Mr Liam Griffiths, Leo Mauceri (c), Br Peter Hester (Principal), Emilio DiTommaso, Stephen Scotti. Back: George Taouil, Antony Cooney, Joe D'Albora, Bobby Dunimaglowski, Rodney Van Akker, Nick Koulias, Luis Fonseca, Drew Cremin, Robert Gomez. Absent: Alain Machain, Jean-Paul Lena, Mr Richard Giles (coach).

Christian Brothers won their region in the Cup, defeating Daramalan, Canberra 7-6 on penalties after a 2-2 draw on goals.

Chilean coach at Parklea

Chilean coach Fernandez was to provide a demonstration on Monday August 6.

Due to the wet conditions of the grounds at Parklea the night was cancelled.

Mr Fernandez has made himself available for Friday August 17.

The venue is still Valentine Park Parklea, starting at 7pm.

If wet weather is experienced during the week leading up to the August 17, it would be in your interest to call 629 1800 and confirm if the seminar is still on.

— VINCE BALZAN



These four 11-year-old players from the NSW Junior Academy made the NSW Primary Schools team and are all members of the exclusive "1350 Skill" Club. They are from left to right Brett Emerton (Met South West), Paul Reid (Met South West), Kain Rastell (Met West) and Harry Kewell (Met South West).

U/14 STATE CUP FINAL

LIVERPOOL Albion won their first ever State Cup Championship when David Low scored the only goal of the final for a 1-0 win over Sylvania Heights 1-0 on Sunday at Christie Park.

In very windy conditions the standard of play was excellent and while James Gales never took a backward step and Brett Cole was desperately unlucky with two glorious shots.

It was the mercurial Bradley Turner who worked the match ball as man of the match.

To reach this final Liverpool Albion had to beat North Rocks (6-0 and 6-1), Maroubra United (3-2 after extra time), Greystanes (3-0) and Sans Souci (3-0).

The Boys are minor premiers in their SDSFA competition and will represent

their district on the championships of champions tournament.

When Socceroo Robbie Wheatley presented the 1990 U/14 State Cup to team captain Jason Grant it was indeed a very proud moment for the Liverpool Albion Soccer club and testimony to the talent of their coach Reg (Bo) Turner.

— LARRY GRANT

YOUTH LEAGUE QTR FINALS

U13: Blacktown City v Stn Branch 1-0, U14: St George v Waringah 1-0, U15: St George v Stn & Eastern 2-1, U17: Melita v Manly 1-1 (3-4p).

U13: St George v Gladesville 3-1, U14: Sydney Olympic v Gladesville 1-0, U15: Sydney Olympic v Rockdale 3-1, U17: Marconi v Polonia 4-1.

U13: Macarthur v Canterbury 2-0, U14: Marconi v Stn & Eastern 1-0, U15: Croatia v Central Coast 2-1, U17: Blacktown City v Central Coast 1-1 (5-2p).

The Boys are minor premiers in their SDSFA competition and will represent

AMATEUR, ROBERTSON & STATE CUPS

U14: Liverpool Alb 1 v Sylvania Hts 0, U16: Puglia 2 v CS 1, U18: Georges River 1 v Kirrawee 0, Robertson: Engadine Eagles 2 v West Pennant Hills 1, Amateur: Engadine Eagles 1 v Caringbah Rangers 0.

MITRE REPS QTR FINALS

U11: Macarthur 5 v Gladesville 0, Sutherland 1 v Nepean 0, Canterbury 2 v Stn & East 1, St George 1 v Manly 0.

U12: Canterbury 2 v Gladesville 0, Banksstown 1 v Stn & Eastern 2, Stn Dist 3 v Macquarie 0, St George 1 v Nepean 0.

Get your bearings fixed, the trials are at the Alice this weekend.

We'll drive down under slightly hotter conditions, buy two sets of tee shirts, make sure we have the oranges and plenty of

water at the ready and we will have our trials.

John Keirs is the sole selector, coach, the administrator, the physio, the tournament director, travel co-ordinator and chief fund raiser to enable the boys the luxury of a playing strip.

After thousands of kilometres spent scouring the Top End for talent, he settles on a squad and engages himself in a marathon effort to raise the necessary funds for the coming tournament.

He buys the popular overseas club shirts to raffle off in clubs, pubs, in fact anywhere there is life.

The trip to Sydney will cause the players and their parents, some out of pocket expenses, but a spanner is cruelly thrown into his plans as two of his most promising squad members decide to represent the Territory in another sport as their trip is free.

After all this John is ready for the call of duty and embarks south with his young and inexperienced charges to carry the flag for the Territory.

His assistance is a \$300 grant to cover his accommodation whilst in Sydney, the motel bill is going to cost \$500.

This is the type of person John Keirs is and always will be. All for soccer, himself next.

For those who think this man might be doing it a little tough, just fathom the reality that John's arrival back in the Territory will signal the start of it all again.

You see, John is also coach of the U/13 squad.

LET'S MAKE A DATE

HERE are the big matches in the UK to look forward to in the upcoming season.

Aug 14/15 Skol Cup 1st Round

Aug 18 FA Charity Shield (Wembley)

Aug 21/22 Skol Cup 2nd Round

Aug 25 Start of Football League and Scottish League season

Aug 28/29 Skol Cup 3rd Round

Aug 29 League Cup 1st Round, 1st-leg.

Sep 1 FA Cup Preliminary Round

Sep 4/5 Skol Cup Quarter-Final

Sep 5 League Cup 1st Round, 2nd-leg

Sep 11 Denmark v Wales (friendly)

Sep 12 Hungary v England (friendly)

Scotland v Romania (European Champ)

Eire v Morocco (friendly)

N. Ireland v Yugoslavia (European Champ)

Sep 15 FA Cup 1st Round qualifying

Sep 19 European Cup/UEFA Cup, 1st Round, 1st-leg

Sep 25/26 Skol Cup Semis

Sep 26 League Cup 2nd Round 1st-leg

Sep 29 FA Cup 2nd Round qualifying

Oct 3 European Cup/CWC/UEFA Cup, 1st Round, 2nd-leg

Oct 10 League Cup 2nd Round 2nd-leg

Oct 13 FA Cup 3rd Round qualifying

Oct 17 England v Poland (Euro Champ)

Scotland v Switzerland (Euro Champ)

Wales v Belgium (Euro Champ)

N. Ireland v Denmark (Euro Champ)

Eire v Turkey (Euro Champs)

Oct 24 European Cup/CWC/UEFA Cup, 2nd Round 1st-leg

Oct 27 FA Cup 4th Round qualifying

Oct 28 Skol Cup Final (Hampden)

Oct 31 League Cup 3rd Round

Nov 7 European Cup/CWC/UEFA Cup, 2nd Round 2nd-leg

Nov 14 Eire v England (Euro Champs)

Bulgaria v Scotland (Euro Champs)

Luxembourg v Wales (Euro Champs)

Austria v N. Ireland (Euro Champs)

Nov 17 FA Cup 1st Round proper

Nov 28 League Cup 4th Round

UEFA Cup 3rd Round 1st-leg

Dec 8 FA Cup 2nd Round

Scottish Cup 1st Round

Dec 12 UEFA Cup 3rd Round 2nd-leg

Dec 29 Scottish Cup 2nd Round

Jan 5 FA Cup 3rd Round

Jan 16 League Cup Quarter-Finals

Jan 26 FA Cup 4th Round

Scottish Cup 3rd Round

Feb 13 League Cup Semi-Final, 1st-leg

Feb 16 FA Cup 5th Round

Feb 23 Scottish Cup 4th Round

Feb 27 League Cup Semi-Final, 2nd-leg

March 6 European Cup/CWC/UEFA Cup, Quarter-Final, 1st-leg

March 9 FA Cup Quarter-Finals

March 16 Scottish Cup Quarter-Finals

March 20 European Cup/CWC/UEFA Cup, Quarter-Final, 2nd-leg

March 27 England v Eire (Euro Champs)

Scotland v Bulgaria (Euro Champs)

Belgium v Wales (Euro Champs)

Yugoslavia v N. Ireland (Euro Champs)

April 6 Scottish Cup Semi-Finals (Possible)

April 10 European Cup/CWC/UEFA Cup, Semi-Final, 1st-leg

April 14 FA Cup Semi-Finals

April 20 Scottish Cup Semi-Finals (Possible)

April 21 League Cup Final (Wembley)

April 24 European Cup/CWC/UEFA Cup, Semi-Final 2nd-leg

May 1 Turkey v England (Euro Champs)

San Marino v Scotland (Euro Champs)

E. Germany v Wales (Euro Champs)

N. Ireland v Faroe Isles (Euro Champs)

Eire v Poland (Euro Champs)

May 8 UEFA Cup Final 1st-leg

May 15 European Cup-Winners' Cup Final

May 18 FA Cup Final (Wembley)

Scottish Cup Final (Hampden)

May 22 UEFA Cup Final, 2nd-leg

May 29 European Cup Final

June 5 Wales v W. Germany (Euro Champs)

THE AFRICAN CUP DRAWS

THIS is the draw for the quarter-finals of the two major African club competitions:

CHAMPIONS' CUP

AFC Leopard (Kenya) v JSK (Algeria)

Hilal (Sudan) v Ashanti Kotoko (Ghana)

Racing (Cameroun) v Nkacea (Zambia)

Iwuanyanwu (Nigeria) v National (Egypt)

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

MTM (Madagascar) v El Se Merreikh (Sudan)

Hearts of Oak (Ghana) v Club Africain (Tunisia)

Deportivo (Mozambique) v Vital'O (Burundi)

US Ouakam (Senegal) v BCC Lions (Nigeria)

US COACH CONFIDENT



BOB GANSLER

NATIONAL US coach Bob Gansler said he would welcome Franz Beckenbauer's help in preparing the American team for the 1994 World Cup but was not worried about losing his job to the coach of the West German champions.

"I've said it a couple of times and will say it again. I don't think Beckenbauer wants my job," Gansler said. "He just left the best coaching job in the business."

But Gansler said it would be foolish not to accept assistance from a man who has both played for and coached World Cup champions.

"I feel that we are certainly in a situation where we can use the advice of somebody who has been there so many times," Gansler said.

"In an advisory capacity, a person of that magnitude would be something to look forward to."

Beckenbauer will confer with US officials during the United States Soccer Federation's (USSF) annual meeting, which ends on Sunday.

There has been growing speculation in the soccer community that Beckenbauer will be offered a position by the USSF as the Americans prepare for the 1994 World Cup.

As hosts the United States are guaranteed a berth in the 1994 finals and Gansler said Beckenbauer's experience could prove invaluable.

"The one thing that prepares you to play in the World Cup the best is the experience of having played in the World Cup," Gansler said. "There is no substitute for experience and here is a man who has more of that and success than anybody else."

Gansler led a youthful US squad to its first World Cup appearance in 40 years earlier this year, but his team failed to earn a single point in Italy.

"We were walking on uncharted ground and there were some things in Italy that did not go as well as we wanted, but it was valuable experience," Gansler said.

Although Gansler expects to continue as US national coach, he could be dismissed if a new federation president is elected this weekend to replace Werner Fricker.

"There is uncertainty but it is not something I have any control over," he said.

"Happy" Gullit looks ahead



RUUD GULLIT — looking forward to a triumphant — season with AC Milan in 1990/91.

AFTER the saddest season in his career, Ruud Gullit is a happy man again.

MILAN



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confident Milan's spirit and talent would keep the team among the world's best sides.

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World Cup Quiz

TEST your World Cup knowledge by taking this quick-fire challenge on Italia '90. You have six minutes to answer the 20 questions.

1 What number shirt did Paul Gascoigne wear for England in the competition?

2 Roberto Donadoni represented which country?

3 Omam or Kana Biyick scored Cameroun's winner against Argentina?

4 Which Group A nation collected 12 bookings in their three matches?

5 Who took the first spot-kick for the Republic of Ireland in their penalty shoot-out win over Romania?

6 Which two Belgians struck the post in their 1-0 defeat by England?

7 Who did Sergio Goycochea replace as Argentina's first choice 'keeper?

8 Gheorghe Hagi was the star for which nation?

9 Which 'keeper, rated as arguably the best in the world before the tournament started, was dropped after his country first game?

10 How many goals did South Korea score in the finals?

11 Who was sent-off in the Holland v West Germany Second Round tie?

12 Hani Ramzy made an impact for which country?

13 Who scored twice for Brazil in their opening game?

14 Which Scotland defender returned home after only 45 minutes of action for Andy Roxburgh's side?

15 Roberto Baggio scored the goal of the tournament against which country?

16 How many goals did the United Arab Emirates concede?

17 Gary Stevens made two appearances for England in Italy. Can you name the opposition?

18 Whose mistake allowed Niall Quinn to score for the Irish against Holland?

19 Which player became the first to be sent-off in a World Cup Final?

20 Which country topped Group E?

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Robson under pressure at PSV

BOBBY Robson is in for a rude awakening when he realises the full implications of the task which lies ahead of him as the new coach to Dutch club PSV Eindhoven.

The former England manager described his first day in charge as 'easy' yet the next few months are sure to be anything but at a club where player power wrecked last season's title bid.

One consolation for Robson is that two of PSV's biggest troublemakers — Soren Lerby and Wim Kieft — have left after a season of constant quarrelling among key players.



Bobby Robson

But Robson, despite a warm welcome from his new playing staff and the 500 fans who turned out to greet him, has a massive job on his hands.

Any thoughts he might have had of settling for a quiet life after eight, turbulent years in charge of England are already committed to history.

He has leaped unawares from the frying pan into the fire but he insists: "The club may have high expectations of me but that doesn't frighten me. I am used to pressure."

Although all his players speak English, it is imperative that Robson masters the Dutch language because, at a club noted



Brazilian ace Romario — Bobby Robson will be relying on the high-scoring forward to strike gold with PSV.

for changing room gossip, he could well become paranoid.

Robson's reputation in Holland is based, not just on his experiences as a national manager, but on his successes with Ipswich in the late 1970s where former Dutch internationals Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen excelled under him.

Surprisingly, however, Muhren was somewhat scathing of Robson in his recent autobiography saying: "Tactically, he wasn't one of the best."

Robson is unmoved by the speculation and doubts about his ability to restore former glories to the club which swept all before them at home and abroad two years ago.

"The club has a tremendous record and a big reputation," he says. "They've won a great deal and I'm certain they haven't brought me here for anything less."

"We have some very good players here and in Brazilian striker Romario we have a man with an exquisite touch."

"But we have lost one or two and it will take me time to assess the situation and decide what players, if any, need to be

And he could be

brought in."

While Robson's thoughts are clearly with PSV and the mountain he has to climb, he will still be keeping a watchful eye on events back in England where Graham Taylor is making his own presence felt.

Robson applauds the appointment of the former Villa chief saying: "The FA had

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Total Brazilian confusion



RIO's state soccer championship will be decided by a Rio Sports Justice Tribunal after a confusing title game ended with one team winning but both sides claiming victory.

Botafogo beat Vasco da Gama 1-0 on a 79th minute goal by midfielder Carlos Alberto Dias.

But as Botafogo players celebrated, Rio Soccer Federation President Eduardo Vianna declared Vasco the champion.

Vianna and Vasco claimed a change in the rules, made after the championship playoffs began, requiring Botafogo to play an extra overtime period to decide the title.

Botafogo officials balked and pointed to another rule stating that the winner of the final game was champion.

In the end, both teams proclaimed victory, and all the players took the traditional champions' trot around the field.

The mixup stems from a change in play-off regulations.

Vasco and Fluminense each qualified for the championship final by winning one half of the regular season title.

Botafogo also qualified by finishing both halves with most aggregate points.

In a drawing, Vasco

and Fluminense were selected to play the first game, while Botafogo got a bye.

Vasco won 1-0, eliminating Fluminense.

The Confederation then changed the rule and said Vasco could win the title with just a tie against Botafogo.

For Botafogo to win the title, it would have to beat Vasco in regulation time and then again in overtime.

In an ensuing war of words, Vianna announced Botafogo would be expelled from the federation.

Botafogo immediately filed an injunction in court stopping the expulsion.

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FERENC Puskas, the great Hungarian and Real Madrid star of the 50s and 60s and South Melbourne coach, was not impressed by the events of Italia 90.

The Galloping Major says: "I've never seen such a poor World Cup."

"But I do not think you can put all the blame on the players."

"Consider the referees. Where do they find them?"

"There must have been better referees available somewhere."



ABOVE — It's a kick in the grass as Oscar Ruggeri connects with Jürgen Klinsmann's posterior at the recent World Cup final. BELOW — Ian Rush of Liverpool in action against Queens Park Rangers. Liverpool meet Manchester United in this weekend's Charity Shield.



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ITALIAN RULE CHANGES

ITALIAN authorities have modified a controversial rule that helped Napoli win their second Italian league title in three years.

Napoli were awarded an extra point in an April 8 match at Atlanta after Brazilian midfielder Alemao went off with a head injury having been hit by a coin thrown from the crowd.

The rule that awarded Napoli side a 2-0 win has been changed.

The home side will still be punished by loss of points if crowd violence influences the outcome of a match, but the victims will not receive extra points.

Ruggeri paid off

SPANISH league champions Real Madrid agreed to pay off Argentine World Cup defender Oscar Ruggeri and signed international midfielder Luis Milla from Barcelona.

Ruggeri's departure was forced by the signings of star Romanian midfielder Gheorghe Hagi and Yugoslav defender Predrag Spasic.

Under Spanish soccer rules a club can field only three foreign players, and with Mexican striker Hugo Sanchez and Ruggeri already on the books the club had to sacrifice one.

Real chairman Ramon Mendonza did not disclose the compensation terms for Ruggeri but said it was "a figure much lower than that stipulated in his contract". Ruggeri played one season for Real, who bought him from Logrones.

A total of \$4 million

was paid for the early release of Milla from Barcelona, who had wanted to keep him for the last year of his contract.

The 24-year-old international has been embroiled in a pay dispute with Barcelona's Dutch coach Johan Cruyff, who kept him on the bench for most of last season which in turn prompted Spanish coach Luis Suarez to leave him out of the World Cup squad.

Real Madrid will pay Milla \$3 million.

The Madrid club also said it received \$5 million from Italian club Torino as compensation for star Spanish midfielder Rafael Martin Vazquez's move there.